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FURIOUS BATTLE RAGING FOR NANKING

DESPERATE FIGHT BY DEFENDERS

Japanese Troops In
Inner City Meeting
Stubborn Resistance

BUT CAPTURE IS ONLY
MATTER OF TIME

Nanking, Dec. 11.

The fate of the city appears to be sealed. Chinese soldiers, running the gauntlet of a vigorous Japanese offensive from three sides, are making a last desperate stand to defend the nation's capital against capture by the Japanese.

According to a Japanese report, early this morning the situation of the Chinese defenders was "extremely critical", although their staunch stand is being continued despite the incessant pounding of their positions by Japanese artillery and the bombardment of communication lines and concentration points by endless relays of Japanese planes.

Blood ran dark on the cobbled streets of Nanking last night as the Chinese fought desperately against the advancing Japanese.

According to Japanese reports the honour of being the first Japanese troops to enter the historic walled inner city went to a force commanded by Colonel Wakizaka.

When the news of the success of Colonel Wakizaka's troops reached the main forces beyond the walls, there were lusty shouts of "Banzai" from thousands of troops, rising above the unceasing din of rifles, machine-guns, trench mortars and howitzers. An hour later field wireless brought congratulations from General Matsui, who added: "I highly appreciate the successful attainment of your difficult task."

Further Assaults

Japanese sources state that seven other bodies of Japanese troops with a large number of tanks are now attempting to force their way into the city from the north-east and south.

A way of retreat is still open to the defenders across the Yangtze but unless they slipped out during the night, Nanking is expected to be a death trap for them to-day, when the Japanese aeroplanes resume their activity.

Chinese circles admit that further defence has no military value, but it is important as a symbol that China will resist. They assert that the loss of Nanking is like the loss of Shanghai. It marks only a phase of the war.—Reuter.

To Command Garrison

Tokyo, Dec. 11.
The Imperial Headquarters announce that Lieut-General Prince Yasuhiko Asaka, son-in-law of the (Continued on Page 4.)

Uncompleted Gun Left To Museum

Capetown, Dec. 10.
The late Mr. E. F. Baden-Powell, brother of Lord Baden-Powell, left an uncompleted invention, the Pretoria Museum. It is the model of a new type of anti-aircraft gun on which he had been working for ten years before his death.

The gun is based on the principle of firing by centrifugal force with no smoke, no noise and no flash.—Reuter.

Japan Won't Recognise Government

Berlin, Dec. 10.

The news that the Japanese Cabinet will not recognise Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's Government after the fall of Nanking is published here without comment.

It is reliably understood that the German Government is not likely to follow the Japanese example.—Reuter.

JAPANESE ARMY WILL RULE

Predicted Fate
Of Occupied
Chinese Areas

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

Chinese territory now occupied by Japanese troops will be placed under military administration, the semi-official Yomiuri Shimbun predicts to-day in an editorial dealing with "the ambiguous legal status" of this area.

The newspaper declares that as far as the current incident is concerned there are no proper provisions in international law binding relations between two parties or between Japan and third parties. Under the present circumstances it is advisable for the army of occupation to create organs necessary for the maintenance of local peace and order, and to exercise civil administration, including such functions as taxation and education.—Reuter.

Many Killed As Scottish Trains Collide

JAPANESE MARCH INTO SETTLEMENT



This historic march of Japanese troops into the International Settlement of Shanghai occurred on December 4. During the procession a bomb was thrown by a Chinese spectator and an Englishman was roughly used by the crowd of Japanese civilians, but otherwise there was no serious incident.

Plot Against Delbos' Life Discovered

French Police Find
Terrorist Plan In
Cypher Letters

Lille, Dec. 10.

The French police arrested a Hungarian when he crossed the Franco-Belgian frontier to-day and seized cypher letters which, it is alleged, revealed a plot to assassinate M. Yvon Delbos, the French Foreign Minister, during his Central European tour.

M. Lebeau, Governor-General of Algeria, is also stated to have been one of the intended victims of a group of international terrorists. A number of warrants have been issued for further arrests.

It is revealed that the attempt to assassinate M. Delbos was to have been made at Prague, where M. Delbos is due to arrive on December 15. Special precautions were taken to guard the French Foreign Minister after he left Poland two days ago.—Reuter.

LEGIONNAIRE ARRESTED

Paris, Dec. 10.
It is announced from Prague that on information from the French police, the Czechoslovakian authorities have arrested a one-legged ex-soldier of the Foreign Legion, and charged him with planning to assassinate M. Yvon Delbos.

It is stated that he admitted the authorship of the cypher letters seized by the French police. He is said to have a grievance against the French Government from which he claims compensation for disability due to military service.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

FIRE HINDERS RESCUE WORK

London, Dec. 11.
Salvage work in the Scottish train wreck was hindered by fire which broke out among the wreckage at midnight, necessitating the call of a fire brigade in order to prevent bodies from being burnt.

At midnight 24 bodies had been taken to the mortuary and eight were believed still to be in the wreckage.—Reuter.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 20.)

PRES. HOOVER HARD ASHORE

TAIKOO TUG RUSHING TO
AID OF WRECKED LINER;
650 PASSENGERS ABOARD

Manila, Dec. 11.

Information has been received that the Dollar Line's President Hoover, with 650 passengers aboard, has grounded on a small island south of Formosa.—Reuter.

German Steamer Alongside

San Francisco, Dec. 11.

The President Hoover sent out a radio message that she had gone aground on a sunken reef at Latitude 22.40 North and Longitude 121.28 East, near Holsoto Island, south of Formosa, last night.

She is carrying a total of 833 persons, including passengers and crew.

Hongkong's Importance Stressed

Former H.K. Editor
Quoted On Defence
Of Last "Open Door"

London, Dec. 10.

The periodical, Great Britain and the East, features an article by a former Far Eastern journalist, Mr. R. T. Barrett, which draws attention to the vital importance of Hongkong as the "solitary remaining bar" to Japanese dominion in the Far East now that the Customs in Shanghai are in the Japanese grip.

"So long as Hongkong remains a great centre of Anglo-Chinese culture, a trade depot and a financial and British naval base, Japan can never feel she is able to do exactly what she likes with China," observes the author.

The writer urges that Hongkong must be made safe against aggression, especially against aircraft from Formosa. The keystone of British policy now and in the future must be proper defence of the integrity of Hongkong as the last "open door" into China.—Reuter.

Mr. R. T. Barrett, the writer of this article, will be well remembered in Hongkong, his last post here being that of Night Editor of the South China Morning Post. Formerly he was editor of the Daily Press.

The German steamer, Prussen, is alongside preparing to transfer the passengers, and no attempt to refloat the liner will be made immediately.—United Press.

DESTROYERS TO RESCUE

Manila, Dec. 11.

The destroyer Barker is proceeding to the President Hoover from Olongapo and at dawn the Navy authorities were preparing to despatch another destroyer from Manila.

Messages did not reveal the cause of the grounding, but apparently there was no storm at the time. It is possibly due to the fact that the course is unfamiliar, since the liner is not yet calling at Shanghai. The extent of the damage is not known.—United Press.

FIRST MESSAGES IN H.K.

First messages of the grounding of the Hoover were flashed at 12.22 a.m. Soon afterwards a second message went out from the ship stating she had grounded on Holsoto Island, south of Formosa, in Latitude 22.40 N., Longitude 121.28 E. This message stated she was in no immediate danger but required assistance.

At 3 a.m. Mr. T. B. Wilson, Hongkong manager of the Dollar Company, received a message asking him to arrange for a salvage tug to proceed from Hongkong as soon as possible. He was told at the same time that (Continued on Page 4.)

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TWO COACHES TELESCOPED BY EXPRESS

Edinburgh - Glasgow
Flier Crashes Into
Dundee Local Train

WORST RAILWAY MISHAP
IN OVER TWENTY YEARS

London, Dec. 10.

In one of the worst railway accidents of recent years, 34 people are believed to have lost their lives when two trains, one from Edinburgh and the other from Dundee, collided at Castlecary to-day on the London and North-Eastern Railway.

Twenty-six bodies have been recovered and others are being extricated from the mass of wreckage. At least 40 are injured in this, the worst train disaster since 1915 when the Gretna Green disaster took place.

One train ran into the rear of the other. Villagers rushed to the railway station to help the victims. They used improvised stretchers pending the arrival of ambulances across the snow-bound countryside from nearby towns.

HAPSBURG ESTATES RESTORED

Vienna, Dec. 10.

The decision to restore the Hapsburg estates is not thought to bring the restoration of the monarchy any nearer, but merely shows that Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, the Austrian Chancellor, is in sympathy with the monarchist principle.—Reuter.

Passengers on the express are reported to have included a number of Cameron Highlanders on Christmas leave from Catterick.

The wreckage was set on fire to provide light for the rescuers.

One survivor said that before the crash he saw a man running on the line waving a lamp, evidently trying to stop the train.—Reuter.

"HANDS OFF" WARNING BY PRESS

Japanese Paper In
Shanghai Advises
Third Parties

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

Reviewing the issues involved in the current Chinese customs problem, the Shanghai United News, an influential Japanese newspaper, advises third parties to exercise a "hands off" policy in the matter.

This journal asserts that it was shown it was clearly understood abroad that Japan is negotiating with the Customs as an organ of the Chinese Government, but not with third parties, regarding the control of the customs.

Any attempt by persons of other nationalities, whatever their positions, at interference in negotiations now proceeding between Japan and the Chinese Customs authorities "should be flatly rejected by the Japanese," this paper adds.

Japan, however, is not disregarding the interests and vested rights of third parties.

The newspaper declares: "Viewed in this light we cannot but consider any move taken by third parties interfering with Sino-Japanese negotiations or exerting illegal pressure on the Customs authorities, in order to protect their own interests and vested rights, as an unfriendly act towards Japan."—Reuter.

LOYALISTS FAR FROM DEFEAT

Attlee Tells Of
New Confidence

London, Dec. 10.

"Any idea that the Spanish Government is beaten is utterly and entirely false" declared Mr. Clement Attlee, House of Commons Labour Party leader, following his visit to Spain.

He said he gathered the impression that the utmost confidence existed that it was now impossible for the insurgents to take Madrid.

Mr. Attlee saw no possibility of accommodation between the two sides and predicted that the conflict was likely to be a long one, inflicting great hardships on the Spanish people.

Mr. Attlee added that he was told that about 10,000 foreigners were fighting for the Spanish Republican army, the strength of which was between 500,000 and 700,000 men.—Reuter.

They'd like to see you in this new evening dress...



Note the fashion points in detail

This frock has a distinctly Egyptian suggestion. Its flowing drapery and glittering embroidery mark it as being in the first row of the latest fashions.

Made in heavy, dull white crepe it falls in simple, graceful folds straight to the hem. Low waistline is marked by a narrow band; high round neck is circled with bands of yellow, red and gold sequins.

Left shoulder is draped with a fold which is caught with a sequin clasp.



TWO SILHOUETTES THIS SEASON

Two silhouettes rival one another among fashionable frocks this season.

Appealing to young figures is the line which has a full skirt, not quite to the ankles, and light bodice adorned by some such fanciful touch as a velvet collar or velvet belt.

But the slinky line of other more sophisticated frocks is just as fashionable, and again very lovely on the material.

slim figures. One sees two materials mixed in these frocks. A new design with a halter collar follows a princess line, without any waist trimmings, but a little gauging down the centre of the bodice, and pleats inset as a panel in the front of the slim skirt. A frock on these lines made in green chiffon is worn over a slip of green and gold lame.

Short Box Jackets Are Still Fashionable

London, Nov. 15.
Short box jackets are still fashionable. A new box jacket cut from beige lamb is pretty and dainty. It follows the usual loose line at the back and has sleeves just as loose.

It is the lighter coloured furs, for instance beige and grey lamb, which are most suited to these youthful, corate the coat. Appliques of a different colour over the fronts and around the hips-length coats have stand-up collars. Some have pockets. They fasten with buttons, their sleeves are plain, and though the coats may be without collars, they have cosy linings.

Clever Collars

If you have not yet decided on your winter coat, look around for a coat whose collar can be adapted to more than one style. A very handsome black cloth provides an excellent example. It has a broad strip of seal forming a cosy collar folded over in front under the wearer's chin. If you wish, the collar is undone, and is thrown back so that the ends hang as an abbreviated train down the back. This is an extravagant use of luxurious fur, but it is charming. A coat of fine boucle cloth has ends of the material arranged to cover the whole of the front of the bodice. They can also be thrown over the shoulders to form small cascades.

Quilted Waists

The rule about waistlines on afternoon frocks and coats this season serves.

would seem to be a fanciful belt—no belt at all.

Many of the more exclusive coats are beltless.

They are cut with a longwaisted effect, with tucks stitched into the back so that they do, actually, de-

corate the coat. Appliques of a different colour over the fronts and around the hips-length coats have stand-up collars. Some have pockets. They fasten with buttons, their sleeves are plain, and though the coats may be without collars, they have cosy linings.

Brogues Again

BROGUES for tweeds are almost as varied as the tweeds themselves. There is also this to recommend petticoats made of taffetas, they will not cling or ruck under thick frocks as silk slips are inclined to do.



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While coarse leather thronging runs over the fronts and around the ankles of dark green shoes made from reverse calf, which follow a modified monk shape.

Another pair of shoes in the monk style are in a supple tan leather. The sides have been sloped away so that the strap buckled across reveals open spaces at either side of the foot.

Taffeta Underneath

TAFFETA slips to wear under woollen frocks usually duplicate the colour of the frock material. So much a part of the frock are they, that they are sometimes sold with the frocks. Pretty finishing touches include a frayed hem-line so that the effect is soft should the light, short skirt of the frock reveal the petticoat.

Lace is not used to trim this type of underslip. Instead, a Princess style with simple fagotstitching is popular.

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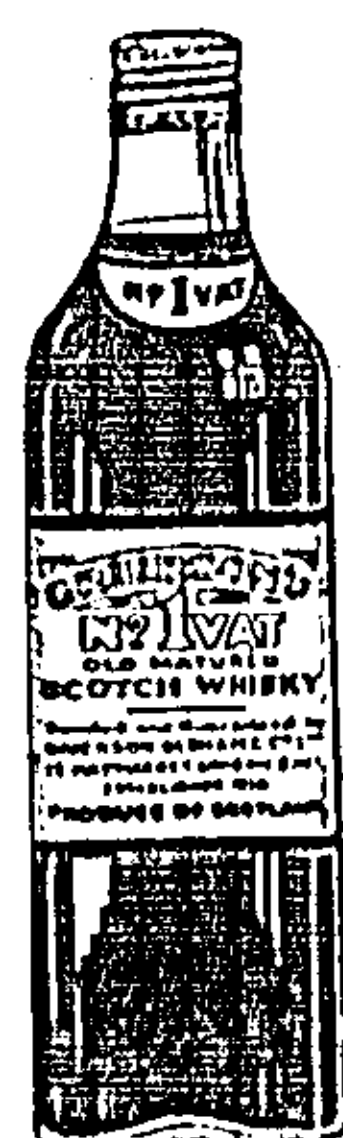
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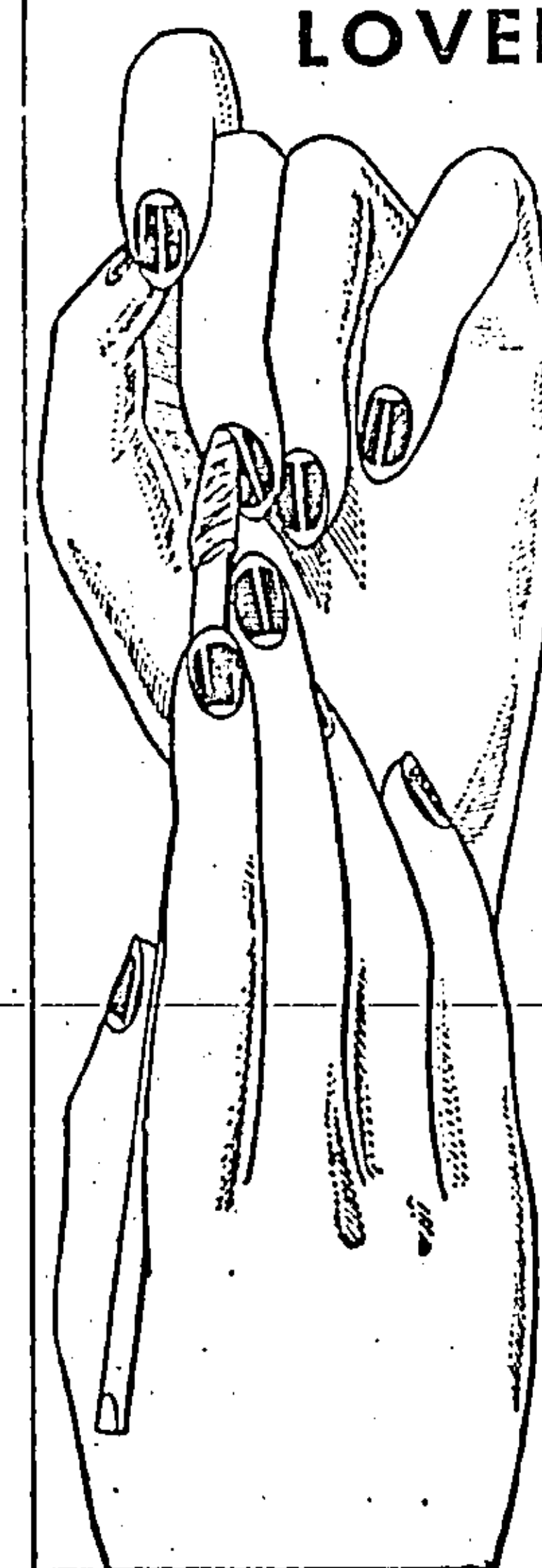
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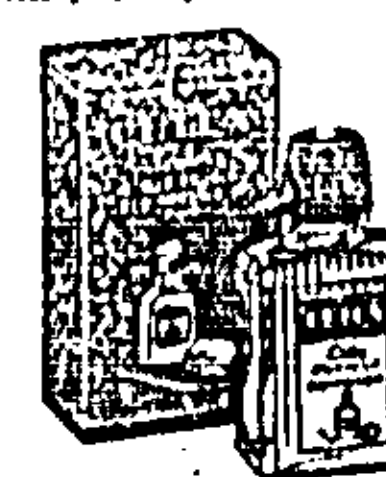
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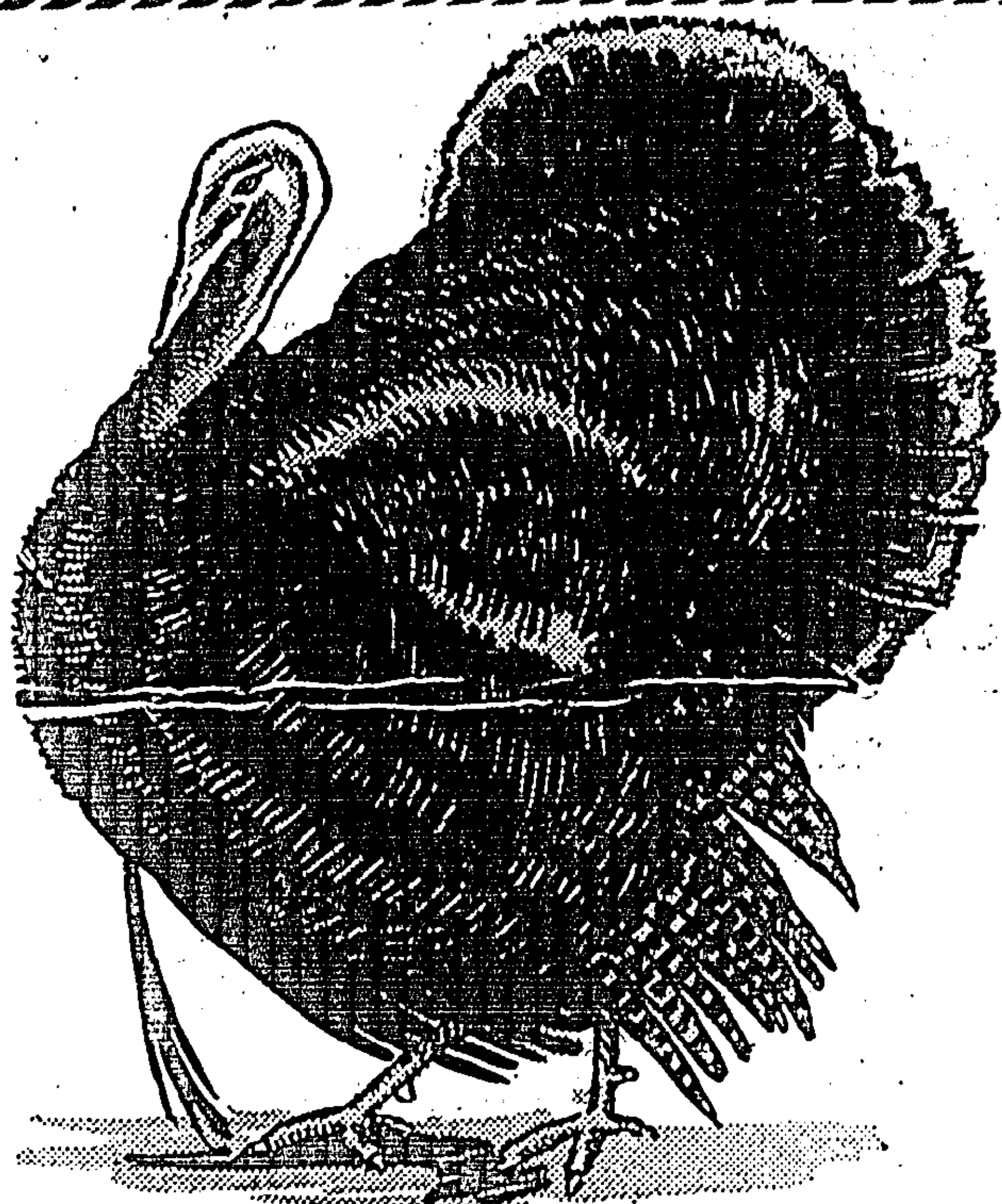
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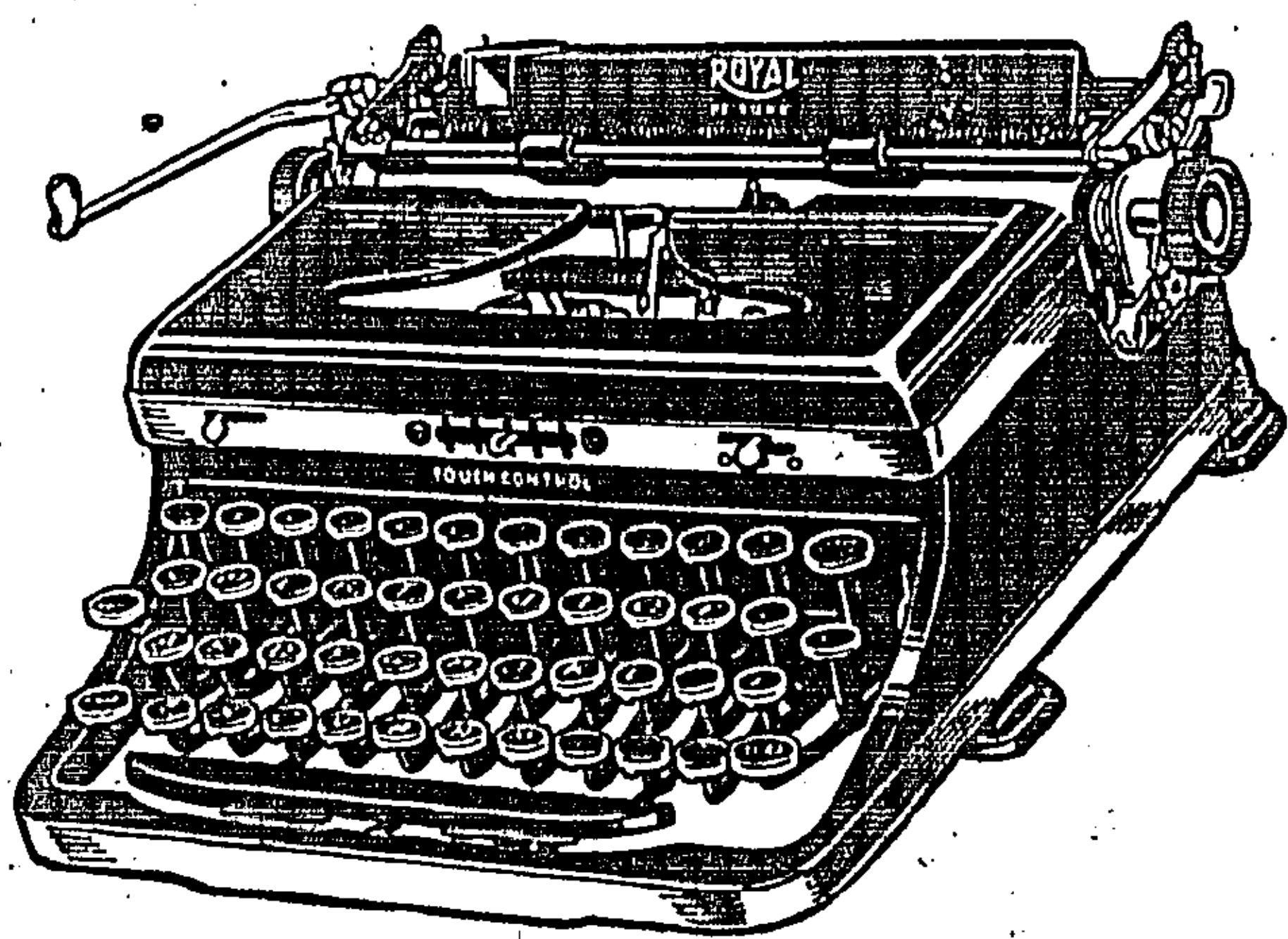
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Untold Story Of The Abdication

CABINET MAY ISSUE OFFICIAL ACCOUNT

It is understood that the Cabinet are in communication with Opposition leaders and the Dominion Governments regarding the issue of further information about the Abdication.

The object would be to clear up misunderstandings which may have arisen concerning the Duke of Windsor's so-called "exile" abroad.

Points to be made would, it is understood, include these:—

1. That on the day King George V. died—January 20, 1936—the then Prince of Wales expressed a desire to make way for his younger brother, the present King; and
2. That after Edward had abdicated he himself declared that he would go abroad and remain abroad for at least three years.

These events were not disclosed during the debate in Parliament, as they were not relevant to the issue of marriage on which the abdication was based.

WANTED FULLER LIFE

The early desire of the heir to the Throne to abdicate his rights in favour of his brother was conveyed to the then Duke of York and to Ministers at Sandringham at the Privy Council which was held there on the day of King George's death.

The Prince of Wales gave as his reason his temperamental inability to become a "valetudinal" monarch, in the sense that he desired a fuller private life than that which tradition and custom could allow him.

This was not the first time that the Prime Minister, then Mr. Baldwin or the Archbishop of Canterbury had heard that. They assured him, however, that they realised times had changed, and that they were prepared to meet him more than halfway.

After Edward had become King he continued to reside at York House and at Fort Belvedere, using Buckingham Palace largely as an office. So that the Cabinet claim that they kept their word in "devoting" the King.

HOW FAR BACK CAN YOU REMEMBER ???

WHAT is your first childhood memory?

Psychologists place the age of two as the earliest when consciousness records impressions that remain as memories in adult life, but people who can remember authenticated events so far back are rare.

Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., seventy-eight-year-old Socialist politician, is one of them.

"I can remember the firing of a row of workmen's huts while the railway was being built at Sydenham. This is my earliest recollection," writes Mr. Lansbury, who was then about two years old.

Mr. Henry Ford's early memory is not so good. He recalls walking hand in hand with his mother at the age of three years and nine months to see a song-sparrow's nest under a log near their home in Greenfield, Michigan.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, who died recently at the age of ninety-four, recalled the brook on his grandmother's farm at Richford, Tioga County, New York, and how careful he had to be to keep away from it. "I could not have been more than four," he said, "because we moved away from Richford when I was that age."

W. E. Gladstone, Victorian statesman, had a prodigious memory of his childhood days. But once at a house party one of his friends capped his amazing recollections by the tallest story of the kind on record:—

"I was twelve months old, lying in my cot, when the nurse came in with milk at my feeding time. I watched her refill my bottle without taking the precaution to wash it as my mother always did. 'I remember making this resolution: When I learn to talk I will tell my mother about that careless nurse!'"

Ninety-five-year-old General Sir Bindo Blood is another famous man whose first memory goes back a long way. He remembers watching oat cakes being cooked on a griddle in an old Scottish kitchen, at the age of two, in 1844.

France Claims Best Air Force In Europe

With an increase of 33 per cent. in the last year, and a vast modernisation programme France believes that she now possesses the strongest air force in Europe, if not in the world, reports the Paris correspondent of the Evening Standard.

Always among the leaders in the development of this war arm, France had made sweeping strides in the last twelve months to perfect her air force. By its organisation, the equipment it possesses, and its officers and men, our air force deserves the confidence that has been placed in it to carry out its part in defending the country.

In those words M. Pierre Cot, Minister of Air, summed up the Government viewpoint of the value of France's air arm at the moment. While declining to quote figures on existing equipment or personnel M. Cot offered ample evidence to confirm that France's air force is more than a third stronger than it was twelve months ago, when it was represented as one of the strongest on the Continent.

"In June 1936," M. Cot said, "at best only 6 per cent. of the equipment was of the type decided upon by the Government in 1933 and adopted by the Chamber in 1934."

MAGNIFICENT RESERVE

"Now this programme has not only been completed, but a new plan, proposed by the General Staff and adopted by the Government, calling for construction of large numbers of modern airplanes, has been carried out. This has permitted us to obtain an increase of 110 per cent. in the number of latest-type airplanes as compared with 1936 and more important an increase by 200 per cent. in the striking force of bombardment squadrons."

M. Cot said that France in future will have a "magnificent reserve of youth consisting of 150 groups of students, numbering 10,000, who already have 25,000 flying hours to their credit, 1,200 licensed pilots of the first degree and 500 of the second degree."

£90,000 Home For Tank Corps

An elaborate scheme for the reconstruction of the Royal Tank Corps depot at Bovington—Britain's most important tank centre, and the radial point of the Army's fighting vehicles—has recently been commenced.

In pursuance of its policy of doing away with huddled camps, the War Office has given orders for the abolition of the old style of Army huts there. Brick buildings designed on the latest lines will take their place, though the scheme will take some years to complete.

It was in the early years of the Great War that Bovington Camp, situated in the heart of the beautiful heath which figures in Thomas Hardy's novels, was chosen as Britain's "tank metropolis."

GYMNASIUM AND CHURCH

To approach it one passes either Woolbridge Farm—immersed in "Tessa of the D'Urbervilles"—or else the cottage where Lawrence of Arabia lived at the time of his death. And it was at Bovington that Lawrence did much of his writing while serving with the R.T.C.

Men at Bovington are now to be housed in quarters much more comfortable than in the past. They speak of it as a "luxury camp" of the future, which I am told is a very apt description.

A start has just been made upon a commodious three-storey building which will incorporate barracks-rooms, sitting-rooms, dining hall, cook-house, and various utility rooms. This building alone will cost £90,000 and will probably be completed by April 1939. It will accommodate 600 soldiers.

In another part of the camp a large number of semi-detached dwelling-houses are now in course of erection. Many of these are expected to be ready for occupation by married families at Christmas.

A gymnasium costing £5,000 and a new church are also part of the scheme. At present church services are held in the garrison recreation-room, which is also used for dancing and other recreative purposes.

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NEW YORK STOCK
EXCHANGESWAN, CULBERTSON &
FRITZ LATEST REPORTSNew York, Dec. 10.
S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: Prices continue to ease off, although without any selling pressure and the market is now apparently seeking a level from which to appraise the current conflicting news. We would buy trading lines on reactions. Bank clearings for the week were off by 12%.

Cotton: There was a poor follow-up on advances. There is a growing belief that there will be no firm legislation this session of Congress. It is reported that the proposal that the Government should purchase at 0.000,000 bales of cotton outright, at a price of up to 12 cents, is considered improbable. Forwardings to mills for the week totalled 260,000 bales.

Wheat: Aggressive buying disappears on advances. There were no exports to-day. The approaching movement of the crop in the Southern Hemisphere is tending towards caution on this market. Out of 9 leading brokers, 6 are bullish and 3 are bearish.

Corn: Exports to-day were fair and offerings were light. Out of 5 brokers, 4 are bullish and 1 is bearish. Rubber: Factor's interest is low. It is estimated that the consumption for December will be from 30 to 32 thousand tons. The market is quiet. Sugar: The market is quiet.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

The market has been cheered by President Roosevelt's statement that railroads should continue under private ownership and management and that the Inter-State Commerce Commission should aim to preserve the solvency of the roads. This more than off-set the Commission's refusal for rate increases prior to the ending of the hearings. It was also noted that car-loadings have registered a gain. Dun & Bradstreet say that retail trade shows some improvement. The list has eased to-day, despite favourable news.

Curb stocks were easy and the market was quiet. Bonds were lower, but fairly active, with United States Government issues irregularly higher.

Wall Street Journal morning comment:

It is believed that the recent selling of American Can issues was due to the disappointment felt regarding the failure of the Company to declare any year-end extra dividend.

The Street continues cheerful. Bets at odds of 2 to 1 have been placed on Wall Street that the Steel Industry has seen its low levels to the end of February.

It is reported that retail trade is improving, but it is expected that Christmas buying will be below that of last year.

Dow Jones Averages Dec. 9 Close

30 Industrials 128.15 128.72

20 Rails 32.35 32.17

20 Utilities 22.15 21.98

40 Bonds 93.75 93.58

11 Commodity Index 53.80 53.72

EXCHANGE RATES

	Dec. 9	Dec. 10
Paris	147.7/64	147.5/64
Geneva	21.00 1/4	21.01 1/4
Berlin	12.30 3/4	12.40 1/4
Athens	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan	94 1/2	94 1/2
Copenhagen	10.40	10.40
Stockholm	10.40	10.40
Oslo	10.40	10.40
Helsingfors	22 1/2	22 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/4	1/2 1/4
New York	4.09 1/4	4.09 1/4
Vienna	2.0 1/2	2.0 1/2
Amsterdam	4.0 1/2	4.0 1/2
Frankfurt	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/4	110 1/4
Hongkong	1/3	1/3
Bombay	1/10 1/2	1/10 1/2
Calcutta	4.00	4.00 1/4
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Manila	21 1/2	21 1/2
Montevideo	30 1/2	30 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	2 1/4	2 1/4
Silver (Spot)	18 1/2	18 1/2
Silver (forward)	18 1/2	18 1/2
War Loan	101 1/2	101 1/2

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

Owing to Miss Violet Capell being in hospital, there will be no Dancing classes until further notice.

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The Second lecture of this course will be given in the Chinn Fleet Club Theatre on Monday, 13th December, 1937, at 5.30 p.m.

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CHURCH NOTICES

METHODIST CHURCH

Chapel Anniversary to Be
Held To-morrow

The following are the forthcoming services, etc., at the Methodist Church, Wanchai: Morning Parade Service at 10.15 at the English Methodist Church—Hymns Nos. 630, 635, 120, 475, 611. Evening Service at 7 p.m. at the English Methodist Church—Hymns Nos. 609, 700, 980, 607.

Notices For The Week

1. Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held in the Assembly Hall, "S. & S. Home" at 8.15. Refreshments are provided at minimum charges; all Servicemen are warmly welcomed.

2. The Badminton Club meets on Mondays and Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. Further particulars from the Secretary, "S. & S. Home."

3. The Circuit Quarterly Meeting will be held at the "S. & S. Home" on Tuesday, December 14, at 8.30 p.m.

4. In connection with the Camera Club, there will be a Lecture and Demonstration entitled "Handwork on Prints" in the Assembly Hall, "S. & S. Home," on Thursday, December 16, at 8 o'clock. Members free. Civilians \$1. Servicemen 50 cents.

A Christmas Dinner and Party for Servicemen will be held in the S. and S. Home on Wednesday, December 22, at 7.30 p.m.

Applications from civilians will also be welcomed. The charge for civilians will be \$1.

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KEEPING ARMY
STANDARD HIGH

London, Dec. 11.

Speaking at Devonport this afternoon the War Secretary said the army was growing in size every day.

The number of recruits between August and November showed an increase of 2,400 over that for the corresponding period of 1936.

It had to be remembered that British standards for entry into the army were considerably higher, according to his information, than in any other European country.

If anyone had the impression Great Britain had difficulty in attracting recruits to the army they ought to be told there was no lack of applicants.

The difficulty resided in the high standard, the applicants had to attain. Last year, for example, 18,000 men were rejected on medical and physical grounds.

Later in the day in a speech at Plymouth, Mr. Hore Belisha was able to reveal that the recruiting for the territorial army in November constituted a new record.

He said that 4,000 were the largest number taken in for any November since the war.

—British Wireless.

APPOINTMENTS
ANNOUNCED

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments, Captain Sidney Frank Hedgcock, 1st Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment, to act as Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. with effect from December 1, 1937.

Mr. Cecil Graham Perdue to act as Inspector General of Police and Chief Officer, Fire Brigade, during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. Thomas Henry King or until further notice, with effect from December 13, 1937.

Mr. John Watson to act as Secretary to the Urban Council, with effect from December 15, 1937, until further notice.

Mr. Benjamin Davies Evans, F.R.A.S., resumed duty as Assistant Director, Royal Observatory, with effect from this date.

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(Continued from Page 1.)

late Emperor Meiji, has been appointed to command the Japanese forces at Nanking.—Reuter.

Heavy Casualties in
Nanking Fight

Nanking, Dec. 11.

Heavy casualties have been sustained by both the Chinese and Japanese sides in the engagements around Nanking, according to a report received by a local military organ from Nanking.

Seesaw operations around Chihshian-shan, in the east Nanking suburbs, resulted in 3,000 Japanese casualties and more than 1,000 Chinese casualties, whilst a heavy toll of lives was paid by the Japanese for their attack on Kwanghsien, the southern gate, where the Chinese defenders, taking a commanding position on the top of the city wall, blasted large numbers of the advancing Japanese with cannon and machine-gun fire.—Central News.

Japanese Resume Attack

Hsinhsiang, Dec. 11.

After a long lull, the Japanese troops at Changteh, on the Peking-Hankow Railway in north China, have renewed their attack on Chinese positions. It is learned from military sources.

Repeated offensives by the Japanese, however, have been repelled by the Chinese defenders whose positions remain intact.—Central News.

PRES. HOOVER
HARD ASHORE

(Continued from Page 1.)

two destroyers were preparing to leave Manila for the scene of the accident.

EMPRESS OF ASIA
HASTENS TO SCENE

It is reported that the Empress of Asia is rushing to the assistance of the President Hoover, and that the German vessel, the Prussen has left the scene.

The Hoover was on her way from Kobe to Manila.

POUNDING HEAVILY

It is learned that the Hoover is pounding heavily. The sea is evidently fairly high as the Prussen has not taken off any passengers at the time of going to press. The Empress of Asia is expected to reach the stranded vessel about 10 o'clock to-night but it will not be known till later whether the destroyer, the Empress of Asia or the President McKinley will take off the passengers.

Salvage is in the hands of the Taikoo Dock Company and one of the Company's tugs will leave for the scene to-day.

INVESTIGATE
SHANGHAI
SHOOTING

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

The Italian authorities are investigating a report that an Italian soldier of the Savoy Grenadiers yesterday afternoon accidentally shot a Chinese refugee and seriously wounded him. The affair is said to have taken place at the junction of Ferry and Macao roads.—United Press.

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Convicts Mourn
"Little Mother"

HIGH HEELS—KILLED HER

New York, Nov. 7.

TWO HUNDRED convicts, some of them convicted murderers, none of whom had been outside the grey walls of the jail for seven years, filed through Sing Sing's great gateway to-day towards the house of Lewis Lawes, governor of the prison for eighteen years.

With armed guards as escort, the convicts went to pay their last respects to Lawes's wife, Katherine, whose body lay in a casket in the house.

Some of the convicts carried flowers, one or two wept as they gazed on the face of the woman who was known to them as "Little Mother."

MASS IN JAIL

Each convict was allowed to pause one minute before the casket. Then he was escorted back to his cell.

Inside the prison Mrs. Lawes's death was attributed to-day to the high-heeled shoes she was wearing when she strolled from her car parked on Bear Mountain Bridge, Westchester, on Saturday afternoon.

She was found at the foot of a steep path late on Saturday night with a broken leg and other injuries. She died in hospital.

Her husband directed the investigation into her death.

His men found a three-inch shoe heel embedded in a rock at the top of a path.

Mrs. Lawes's death fall was reconstructed. She had walked slowly from her car, stumbled over a rock, then fallen a hundred feet. Mass will be celebrated in Sing Sing to-night. All the convicts will attend.

World Record
For Calves

Clarksville (Virginia). Alta Clover, prize Holstein cow of Pieter Polh, a Clarksville farmer, has given birth to sextuplets.

This is probably a world record for a cow.

She did so in the farm barn, without any assistance.

There are five heifers and one bull—four spotted black and white and two nearly all white.

All six are fully developed and healthy.

Germany Has
New Fighting
Plane

The fighting strength of the new German Air Force, has been increased by a new fighting airplane, the Heinkel He 112.

Official air force tests have revealed extraordinary performances by this new airplane, says the Evening Standard.

With a liquid-cooled super-charged engine of only 685 horse-power the He 112 has attained a maximum speed of 310 miles per hour at an altitude of 10,000 feet.

The airplane carried a full load of armaments, fuel, bombs and radio equipment.

This single seater fighter carries amazing armaments.

Two machine-guns are provided on both sides of the fuselage.

SIMPLE TO FLY

One automatic rapid-firing cannon is housed in each of the wings.

In addition the airplane carries six bombs of 22 pounds each underneath the fuselage.

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Handling of the airplane, it was explained is so simple that the pilot can devote all his attention to the fighting part of his job.

Fuel tanks are sufficient for an 800-mile flight.

With a ceiling of more than 25,000 feet the airplane climbs to 3,000 feet in about one minute.

Unicameral Debate
Topic

Columbus, O.

The subject of "The Unicameral Legislature" has been selected for debate in all the high school and junior colleges of Ohio and in similar schools throughout the United States during the school year of 1937-1938.



Wong Chiu-yung, a senior prize winner in a recent Telegraph Children's Competition.

A MATRIMONIAL
MIX-UPBride Married To
"Best Man"!

Belfast, Nov. 12.

This is the story of the Irish best man who married the bride by mistake, writes a London correspondent.

All County Tyrone is laughing about it to-night, but although the bride was remarried to the bridegroom afterwards, the contretemps threatens to arouse keen controversy as to whether the bachelor best man is still a bachelor.

It all happened in the village of Killeter, near Castlederg, and those concerned were:

The bride, Miss Ruby Cunningham, aged 30, a farmer's daughter, of Garvela, Castlederg;

The best man, Mr. Albert Muldoon, aged 21, a chauffeur, who had driven to the wedding at Killeter Presbyterian Church, the bride and—

The bridegroom, Mr. Christopher Craig, aged 30, a farmer's son of Drummbay.

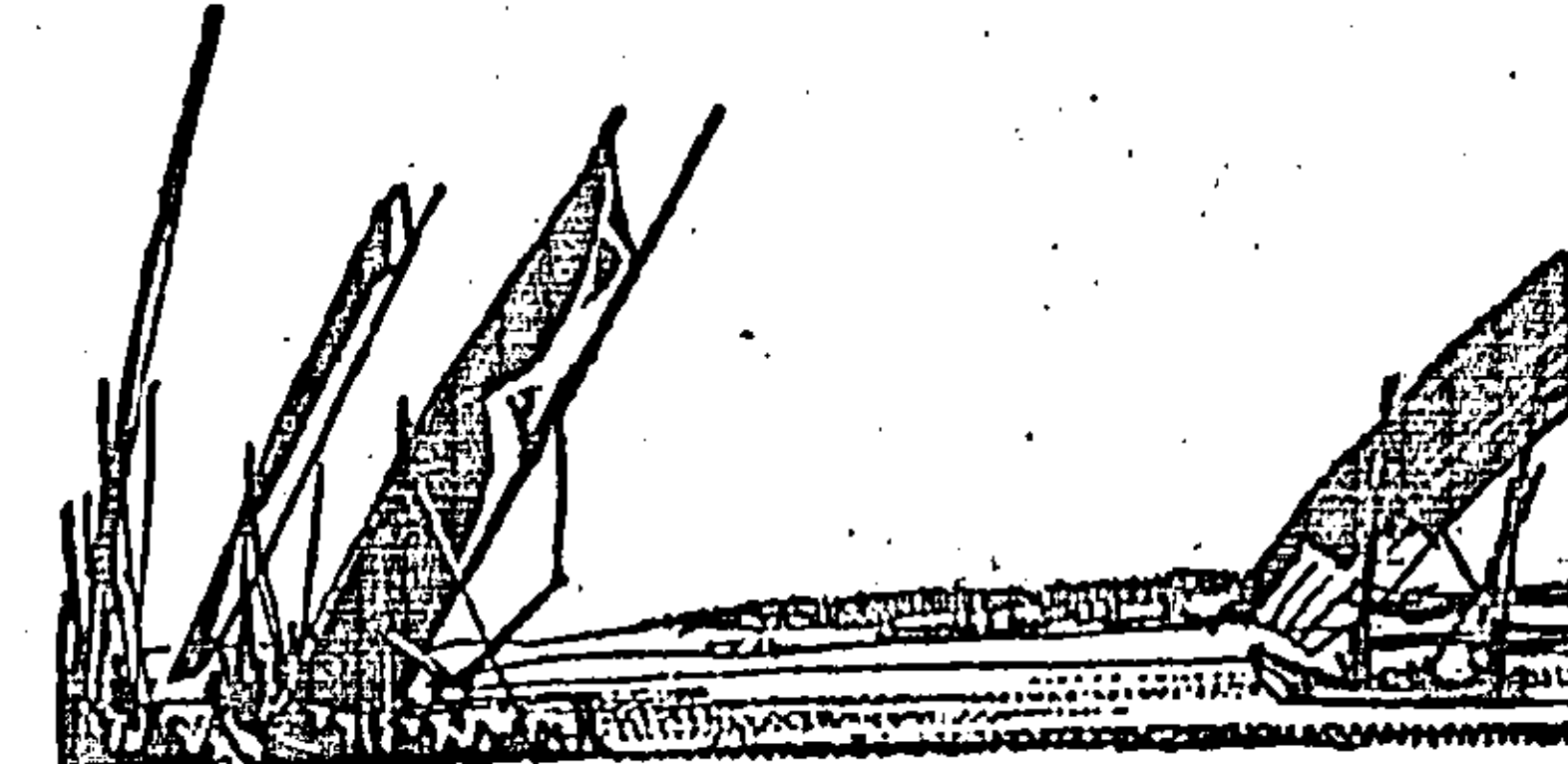
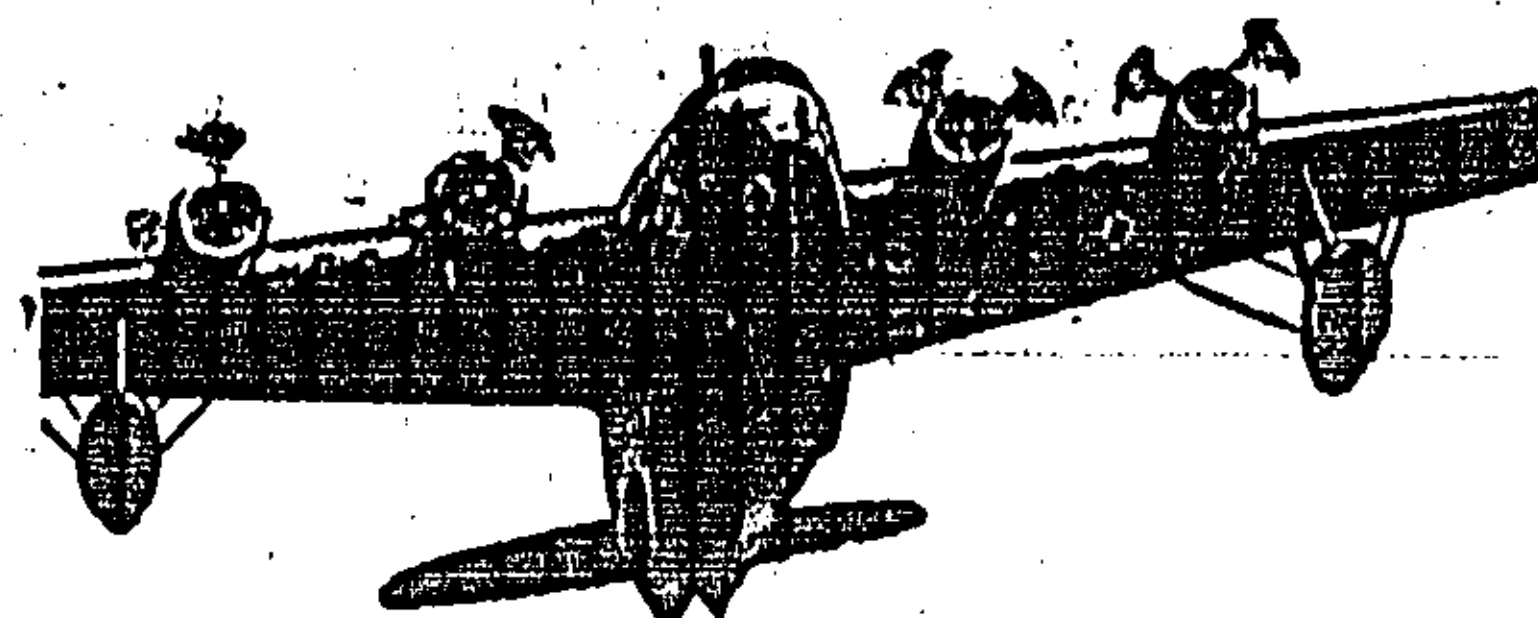
One of the things which led to the muddle was the fact that neither of the officiating ministers, the Rev. William Duncan and the Rev. J. H. Lyons, knew the parties by sight.

"HE NEVER SAID A WORD"

"When we went to the church the clergymen were waiting for us, and somehow I got into the bridegroom's place beside the bride," Mr. Muldoon told me to-night.

Mr. Duncan took me for the bridegroom and the wedding proceeded. I did not feel very comfortable, but I wasn't familiar with the procedure at the church and I thought it would turn out all right in the end.

"I made all the responses, but when I was asked, 'Do you take this woman to be your lawful wife,' I did not

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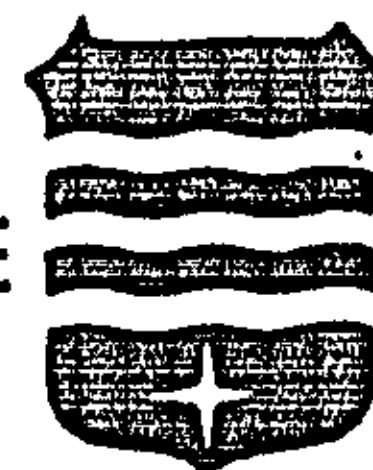
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know what to do. made a mistake. I'll have to marry you all over again."

"I simply said I would. The bride didn't object and the bridegroom didn't object and the bridegroom never said a word. I put the ring on the bride's finger. "There was a general laugh and I think we all enjoyed the joke, for that is how I regard it now."

"We all went into the vestry and Mr. Duncan began to take the names." "I thought perhaps the bridegroom might have objected but he stood and said nothing. He gave the ring to me coming into the church and when I put it on the bride's finger he made

"He said to me, 'Are you Christopher Craig?' and I said 'I was not: no comment—and neither did—the lie replied: 'I am afraid I have bride."

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COLONY'S WATER

Reservoir Returns For Past Months

The water returns issued by the Waterworks Department show that at the end of November there were 1,017.73 million gallons in the island reservoirs, compared with 1,742.92 for the corresponding period last year, and 3,272 million gallons in the Mainland waterworks, as against 2,347.03.

As in November last year, a constant supply of water was given to all districts in the Colony and the mainland during the month, when 441.47 million gallons were consumed in the city and hill district by an estimated population of 440,000 at the rate of 33.1 gallons per head per day, as against 441.01 million gallons by an estimate population of 440,500 at 31.1 gallons per head per day in the corresponding period last year. The consumption in Kowloon and New Kowloon for the month was 270.76 million gallons by an estimated population of 380,000 at the rate of 23 gallons per head per day, compared with 260.05 million gallons by 327,500 inhabitants at 22.6 gallons per head per day in November, 1936.

With the exception of Tytan Intermediate, which was level, all the other island reservoirs were below overflow; while of those in Kowloon, Shingmun Reservoir and Kowloon Main were the only ones level.

The reports of the Government Bacteriologist and Analyst show that the quality of the water was excellent.

The total rainfall recorded by the Royal Observatory from January 1 to November 30 was 81.895 inches, which was 12.5 inches more than for the same period last year.

RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 11.)

You're breaking my heart; 24. Caravan. 12.00 midnight. Close Down.

DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

7.20 a.m. Orchestral Music.
7.30 a.m. "As I See It"—6.
7.45 a.m. English Folk-songs—5. The Northern Counties, Dale Smith (soprano).
8.00 a.m. "Spirits and Goblins." Viola Recital by Frederick Hiddle.
8.40 a.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 8.45 a.m. and Big Ben at 9 a.m.
9.15 a.m. "God's Admiral"—Robert Blake, General-at-Sea.
9.30 a.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 p.m.
10.15 a.m. Organ Recital by Aileen Branden, from the Concert Hall, Broadcasting House.
10.45 p.m. Big Ben. "London Log."
11.10 a.m. "A Tune a Minute."
11.15 a.m. "Sportmen Talking."
11.30 a.m. The HUC Empire Orchestra.
11.45 p.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 11.55 p.m.
12.00 a.m. "Spirits and Goblins."
12.15 p.m. Big Ben. Fredric Jayes, at the Organ of the Baptist Theatre, Tottenham Court Road, London.
12.30 p.m. Variety.
12.45 p.m. "The Old Folks at Home" (Second Series)—3.
1.10 p.m. "As I See It"—6.
1.15 p.m. Big Ben. Campbell and his Hill-Hilly Band.
1.30 p.m. "London Log."
1.45 p.m. For the Children: "Old-time Favorites."
1.50 p.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 1.55 p.m.
2.00 p.m. Big Ben. Recital by Arthur Reekless (Hartford).
2.15 p.m. English Country Dances.
2.30 p.m. The League—Division II: Aston Villa v. Stockport County. A running commentary by Charles Eade on the second half of the Association football match. From Villa Park, Birmingham.
2.45 a.m. Sybil Stanford and her Girl Friends, Singing the Blues Away.
2.55 a.m. Scottish Dance Music.
3.00 a.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 3.05 a.m.
3.15 a.m. "London Log."
3.30 a.m. Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra.
3.45 a.m. Big Ben. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 3.55 a.m.

LANDING FOILED

Chinese Battery Opens Fire On Invaders.

Foochow, Dec. 10. A Japanese warship was hit in the stern and a Japanese steamboat loaded with marines was over-turned by shells from Chinese land batteries at Wutung, near Amoy, on December 9, an official report discloses.

Two Japanese warships, the report states, first fired over 20 shells at the coast, but Chinese land batteries remained inactive. Believing that the Chinese were unprepared, they sent out a batch of marines in two steamboats to make an attempt to land. When the steamboats were near the shore, the Chinese batteries suddenly opened up.

A number of Chinese houses on shore were destroyed by Japanese shells.—Central News.

Buggy Price At New Low

Carthage, Mo. The last three buggies owned by the Turner Harness Company here when it quit business in 1936 have been sold for \$215. Their original selling price was \$315 each.

2.25 a.m. The League—Division II: Aston Villa v. Stockport County. A running commentary by Charles Eade on the second half of the Association football match. From Villa Park, Birmingham.
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VOLUNTEER ORDERS

List Of Parades For Week

Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps orders by Lt. Col. R. C. B. Anderson, M.C., Commandant, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Friday, Dec. 10.

1. Box Respirators
All Box Respirators must be returned to Company Stores immediately.
2. Rifles and Bayonets
All Rifles and Bayonets must be returned to the Quartermaster immediately.
3. Course Result
Captain T. Addis-Martin attended the 2nd. Q. F. (Advanced) Course at Shoochun from October 10 to 30, 1937, and qualified.

4. Parades
(a) Corps 1st. Battery.—There will be no further parades during the month of December.
(b) 2nd. (Improvvised) Battery.—Thursday, December 16. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 for lecture on ammunition.
(c) Engineer Company:
i. Sunday, December 12. Company shoot at Stonecutters. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Police Pier, Kowloon at 8.45 a.m. Dress: Uniform optional. Rifles and bayonets must be drawn from Store before 1.00 o'clock on Saturday, December 11. The shoot on the Peak Range is cancelled.
ii. Monday, December 13. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Lewis Gun Instruction. Members are advised to bring overalls.
(d) Corps Signals.—Tuesday, December 14. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m.
(e) Machine Gun Troop.—Tuesday, December 14. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. Instruction.
(f) Armoured Car Section:
i. Tuesday, December 14.—A and B Classes—Mechanism L. G. C. Class—Passing out tests M. G.
ii. Wednesday, December 15. Miniature Range. All Ranks.
iii. Sunday, December 19. Musketry course at Stonecutters. Rifles must be drawn from Stores by Friday, December 17. Dress—Optional. Launch leaves Queen's Pier 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier 8.45 a.m.
(g) Motor Machine Gun Platoon:
i. Friday, December 17. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. A and B Classes—Instructor's hour for recapitulation. C Class—Mechanism. 2nd. four subheads.
ii. Camp Pay. Payment will be made at H. Q. on Friday, December 17, at 5.30 p.m. All those who attended Camp must attend in order that the pay sheets may be returned to H. Q. at an early date.
(h) No. 1 (M. G.) Company.—Friday, December 17. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. Instruction.
(i) No. 2 (M. G.) Company (Scottish):
i. Thursday, December 16. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. Instruction.
ii. Sunday, December 19. Musketry course at Stonecutters. Rifles must be drawn from Stores by Saturday, December 18.
iii. Sunday, December 19. Range Officer detailed by No. 2 (M. G.) Company.
i. Monday, December 13. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. Those detailed by O. C. Company will fire on the Miniature Range. Remainder, Musketry.
ii. Thursday, December 16. Those detailed by O. C. Company will fire on the Miniature Range. Remainder no parade.
(j) No. 4 (M. G.) Company:
i. Wednesday, December 15. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. Elementary Gun Drill.
ii. Friday, December 17. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. Infantry Drill.
(k) Portuguese Companies:
i. No. 5 (M. G.) Company.—Tuesday, December 14. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. M. G. Training. Continue from stage reached last week.
ii. A. A. Company.—Tuesday, December 14. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. A. A. Training. Ground Training. Continue from stage reached last week.
iii. All members of the Companies who attended Camp must attend to receive pay on Tuesday, December 14, at 6.30 p.m.
(m) Machine Gun Signals:
i. Monday, December 13. Sub-section D will parade for instruction at 5.20 p.m.
ii. Friday, December 17. Sub-sections A and B will parade at 5.20 p.m. Instruction as per Training Syllabus.
(n) Army Service Corps Company.—Thursday, December 16. Parade at H.A.S.C. Camber at 5.30 p.m. for Lewis Gun Instruction.
(o) R.O.D.C.—Construction Section.—The next lecture will be on Thursday, December 23.

5. Inspection of Respirators
Company Gas Inspectors will inspect the Company's respirators at the first opportunity and will report to the Corps Gas Officer any damage. A return to Corps Gas Officer will be forwarded on December 31 stating numbers of respirators which have not been inspected.

6. Appointments and Promotion
The following appointments and promotion have been approved in the M.G. Signals w.e.f. 10.12.37.
No. 2019 Cpl. A. D. Coppin to be Lance Sergeant.
No. 2563 L/Cpl. W. G. Poy to be Corporal.
No. 2530 Sigr. N. F. Delitz to be Lance Corporal.
Lieut. R. P. Phillips, A.S.C. Com-

pany, is transferred to Reserve of Officers w.e.f. 10.12.37.

8. Leave
No. 1770 C.Q.M.S. H. F. Westlake, Armoured Car Section, returned from leave on 9.12.37.

No. 700 Sergt. C.S. Coom, Reserve Section A, returned from leave w.e.f. 23.12.37.

No. 1787 Sergt. T. G. Stokes, A.S.C. Co., returned from leave w.e.f. 9.12.37.

No. 2014 Snapper G. P. Murphy, Engineer Company, returned from leave on 3.12.37.

9. Strength Increase
No. 2901 Snapper S. Bercovitch, R.O.D.C., Con. Sec., 12.12.37.
No. 2902 Private A. B. Henry, A. Co. Section, 7.12.37.
No. 2903 Private J. M. M. Alves, No. 5 (M.G.) Co. No. 12 Pl., 7.12.37.
No. 2904 Private C. P. Basto, No. 5 (M.G.) Co. No. 12 Pl., 7.12.37.

S. F. Hooxcock, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICES

1. Corps 1st. Battery Dinner
The Annual Dinner will be held at H.Q. on Friday, December 17, and all those who wish to attend but who have not yet communicated with L/Bombdr. H. S. Jones, c/o Hongkong Electric Co., should do so without delay.

2. Machine Gun Signals Dinner
Members of Subsections A and B are reminded that their dinner will be held at H.Q. on Thursday, December 16 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets at \$3.25 can be obtained from Sigs. Glendenning and Carr.

AFFILIATED UNIT

1. Meeting
There will be a meeting on Monday, December 13 at 5.30 p.m. for practical work at the P.W.D. Offices.

2. Enrolment
Miss Joan Fraser w.e.f. 6.12.37. (Sd.) Mrs. E. M. Bzoz, Commandant, Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

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Storm Breaks Over Christ of Epstein

IS IT BARBARISM OR RELIGION?

"Courageous," says
Buyer of "Genesis"

Publication recently of pictures of Mr. Jacob Epstein's newest statue, "Consummation Est" ("It Is Finished")—a recumbent figure of Christ—brought the first rumblings of another Epstein storm.

Artists, sculptors and architects who had studied the pictures gave their views to the *News Chronicle*.

The divergence of opinion they revealed is likely to be multiplied when the Man in the Street becomes aware of this newest creation by the most talked-about sculptor of this generation.

Mr. Eric Gill, one of the foremost sculptors in Britain, looked hard at a large-scale photograph of the statue and said:

"If I had discovered this monstrous piece of sculpture on some deserted island I should have said: 'This is a jolly fine piece of work.' Though even then I should have supposed that it was meant to stand upright; it seems to have the attitude of a person actively displaying himself—it has not the passivity of a corpse."

"WHAT IS IT FOR?"

"But I am accustomed to carve a statue to order, for a particular purpose and place. Therefore I find it difficult to criticise this statue except from this point of view: What is it for? Where is it going?"

Sir Charles Allom is head of a big firm of architectural contractors, and is a member of the Board of Education's Advisory Committee on Art Education. He said:

"It is impossible to think that One who excelled all others in the world in mental alertness should have existed in a form so hopelessly besotted."

"Epstein is a great artist, but he is simply throwing away his mighty gifts for this filthy modern stuff. It is equalled only by some of the work of a few savages in more or less distant times."

"These moderns think they are copying one another in reproducing the prototypes of some of the half-educated races."

Professor C. H. Reilly, Emeritus Professor of Architecture at Liver-

pool University, member of the London Board of Architectural Education, said after he had seen the picture:

"Epstein, you know, is an architectural sculptor. He should be working with Mendelssohn, the architect who is doing the new University in Palestine. Everything Epstein does has an architectural quality. He needs the background of enormous buildings."

BUYER OF "GENESIS"

Mr. Alfred Bosson, M.P., a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Architecture, who bought Epstein's last great statue "Genesis," said recently:

"The picture shows that this is a statue which illustrates most powerfully the great sacrifice that our Lord made. It seems to me to be a very courageous piece of work. It is to be viewed from above. Do you know of any other piece of sculpture like it?"

"It will be attacked, of course. But I would say this: Strong stuff is typical of this age. The age of sweet stuff is over. Epstein has made every sculptor to-day think twice before he gets to work."

What had Mr. Epstein to say recently?

He said: "It's no good trying to get the right ideas into the heads of wrongheaded people."

Severe Winter Predicted

Rhinelanders, Wis. Conservation wardens believe that frequent raids by northern Wisconsin bears on kitchens, gardens, orchards and beehives indicates the coming of a severe winter. Other wildlife students insist, however, that the bears have been driven to the raids by a shortage of berries.

Bible For Every British Home

Plans to distribute a Bible to every British home next year to mark the celebration of the fourth century of the Reformation are being drawn up by the Rev. E. J. T. Bagnall, secretary of the London Free Church Federation.

Pie-Baking Brings Firemen

Firemen, answering a call to the home of Mrs. William J. Rankinen found her busy baking pies, smoke pouring from the electric range in her kitchen.

56,651 Fewer In London Schools

Children in the L.C.C. elementary schools last April, states a return to be submitted to the L.C.C. Education Committee, numbered 543,611, a reduction of 56,651 on the 1935 total, compared with a decrease of 70,416 on the previous two years.

Main factors responsible were the fall in the birth rate and migration to areas beyond the Administrative County of London.

Heaviest reductions took place in Southwark, Chamberwell and Poplar.

Promotion Grievances In Army

DRASTIC ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Drastic action is to be taken by Mr. Horro-Bellish, Secretary of State for War, to redress grievances caused by the present system of promotion in the Army.

The first step will be to end the system of regimental promotion.

Under the new rulings, shortly to be announced, all officers will automatically obtain promotion after a fixed number of years in ranks below that of lieutenant-colonel.

So unjust, has the present system proved that the three senior captains of the Wiltshire Regiment have held that rank since January 1, 1917—more than 20 years.

In a number of other regiments senior captains have put in 15 and 14 years' service in that rank.

On the other hand, in some units of the cavalry the senior captains have held their rank for only five years.

That means that men who were fighting for their country in the war have become juniors to those who were only schoolboys at that time.

Sit-Down on Railroad

Tapolco, Hungary. A group of peasants staged a "sit-down" strike on a railway track here. Protesting against the high price of wheatstones to sharpen their scythes, they sat down between the rails and delayed traffic for more than half an hour.

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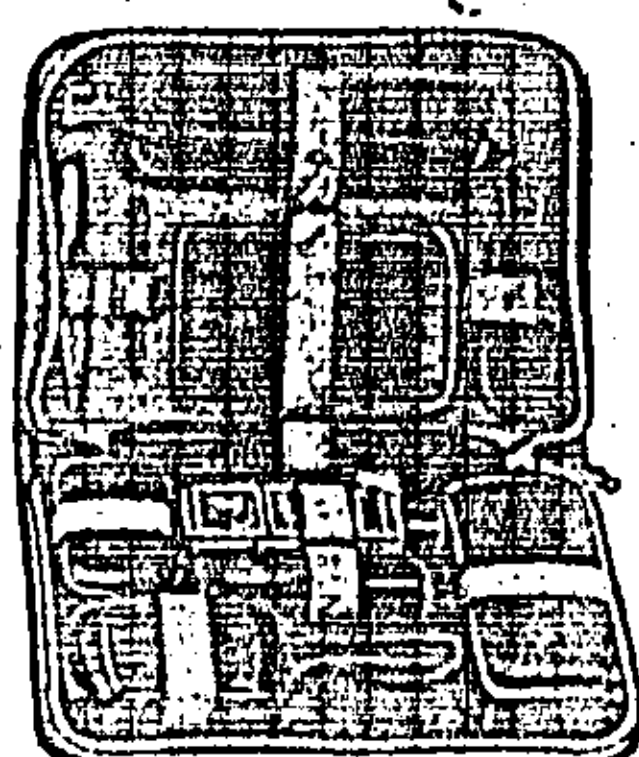
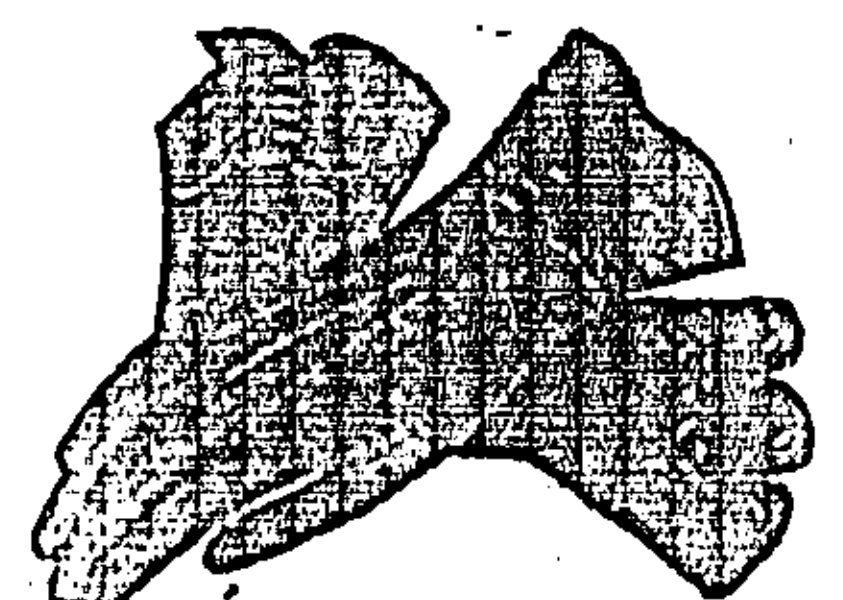
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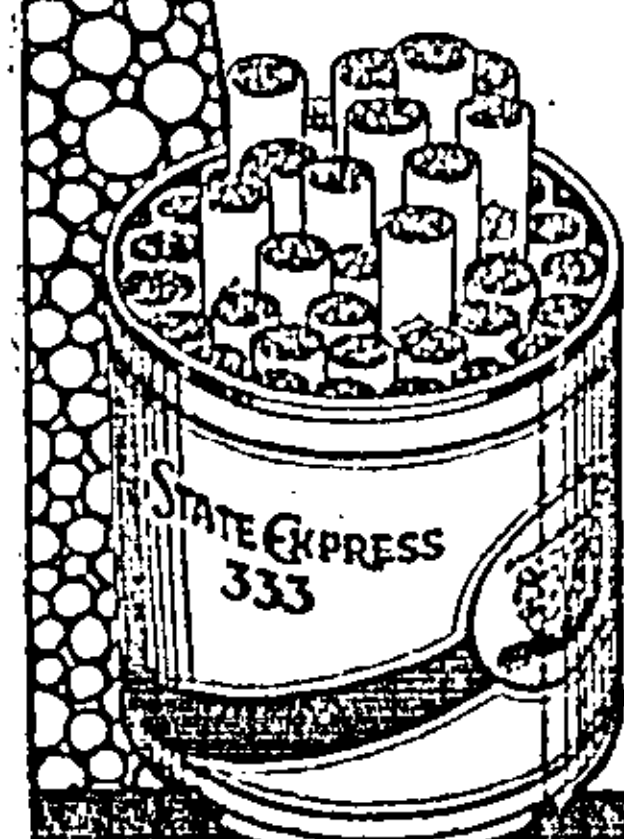
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Wanda, daughter of General Rodolfo Graziani, Italian Viceroy of Ethiopia, signs the marriage registry after her marriage to Count Sergio Guadagni, who stands beside her. The wedding took place recently in the Viceroy's palace at Addis Ababa, ancient city where the former Emperor Haile Selassie held sway.

Gen. Franco Wants Alfonso's Son As King Of Spain Seeks British Support

GENERAL FRANCO'S agent to Britain, the Duke of Berwick and Alba, is to begin almost immediately discussions with the Foreign Office about restoration of the Spanish monarchy, with Don Juan, third son of ex-King Alfonso on the throne, writes W. N. Ewer in the *Daily Herald*.

It may seem a little outside the terms of the agreement. But, of course, the Duke could always argue that Don Juan is a Spanish national and that he is safeguarding his interests.

That, however, will not arise. The Foreign Office knows quite well that the Duke's mission is going to be a diplomatic one.

Just to underline it, his first job will be to present to His Majesty's Government both his own credentials and General Franco's answer to the last communication from the Non-Intervention Committee, which has nothing in the world to do either with trade relations or the protection of nationals.

ON CONDITION

The answer will express General Franco's complete willingness to have all volunteers withdrawn and his complete readiness to allow all facilities for the work of the proposed Commissions.

All on condition that the Spanish Government does the same, that landfrontier control is restored, and that the recognition of belligerent rights comes at an early stage.

Behind this readiness lies the belief that recognition would enable the insurgents (with a little quiet assistance from "unknown") to clamp down a naval blockade that

would quickly strangle the Loyalists into submission.

INFLUENTIAL FRIENDS

And the General has been assured by the Duke (who has very influential friends in London) that if he offers restoration of the monarchy as well as withdrawal of volunteers he can be certain of all the diplomatic support he can desire from a British Tory Government.

Wherefore, the Duke will talk of the enthroning of Don Juan as a "peace-making king."

He will assure the Foreign Office of General Franco's passionate desire for friendly relations with Britain and of his determination not to join any European bloc.

And generally he will try to persuade his hearers that Franco is bound to win anyway, and that, therefore, the best policy is to make friends with him, give him all sorts of recognition, and help him to finish the war off as quickly as possible.

But there is one awkward point. The Duke of Alba has persuaded the Generalissimo that restoration of the monarchy is essential to make sure of British Tory support.

But the Falangists (who are Franco's best Spanish troops) have no use for kings.

So the spokesman, with one eye on British Tories and the other on the Falangists (and maybe on Catalonia), talks mysteriously of a "Syndicalist Monarchy."

Island Dictator Plans To Be Emperor

IMPERIALISTIC designs of President-Dictator Trujillo, of San Domingo, led to the recent clashes on the Dominican-Haiti frontier.

This was the sensational statement made to the *Daily Herald* correspondent by an American who arrived in Cuba from Porto Rico, the neighbouring island.

San Domingo and Haiti are two Republics on the West Indian island of Hispaniola equal in size to Great Britain.

Trujillo is credited with ambition to rule the whole island.

The Haiti authorities have alleged that thousands of Haitians, who had lived in Dominican territory for many years, have been slaughtered in frontier towns.

In the cafes of Trujillo City—named after the Dominican President—they are saying that Trujillo is a "man of destiny," who should be Emperor of the whole island.

Trujillo's dictatorial censorship extends even to the cafes where anything but praise for the President can only be whispered.

Now they are whispering that Trujillo has at least 20,000 men ready

for war and that the Haitians, much greater in number, have neither arms nor troops.

But there is a widespread fear of reprisals for the alleged frontier massacres.

And the Government of Haiti declares that only rapid serious inquiry into the alleged massacres, with a view to making reparations, will appease public feeling.

Earlier efforts suggested that the cause of the trouble was that unemployed Haitians had been crossing the frontier into San Domingo on food raids.

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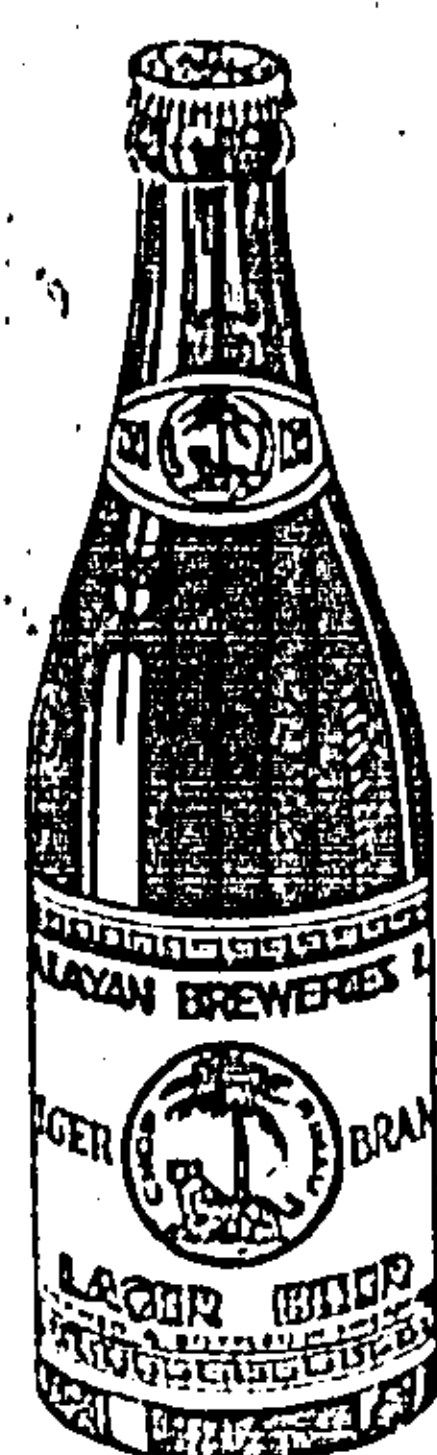
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STUDY IN PREPAREDNESS

It required no very great amount of imaginative power to experience on Thursday night something of the sensation of hopelessness and helplessness which must be the lot of so many thousands of people to-day, and to-morrow, who are in danger of bombing from the air or some form of attack from land or sea. Hongkong's first effective "black-out" was more than a valuable test of a phase of our defences. It was a practical lesson for thousands in the necessity of co-operation in times of emergency. The drone of an invisible aircraft, the stabbing fingers of the search-lights, and crawling, dim-lit traffic and the up-turned faces of tens of thousands of people, who unconsciously spoke in whispers, lent a somewhat disturbing air of realism to the experiment. The nervous excitement of the crowd could be sensed. What would have happened in Nathan Road at 10 p.m. if someone had set off a giant firecracker in the middle of the thoroughfare? Or even a little one? Panic, very likely. It might have been short-lived; but there was no question of the general mass of the people being ripe for it. How much more dangerous the situation, how much greater the risk of stampede, had the air raid alarm been a reality. From this incident the observant will have learned, then, the desirability of drilling the community in the steps to be taken in emergencies.

The disciplining of crowds is simplified if there is some certainty that in moments of stress they will react in a predictable fashion. By training the populace, it should be possible to make any mass movement almost automatic. If men and women are drilled in an appointed task, they will attempt to carry it out even in an extremity of fear. It has become a matter of habit, a sort of reflex action. It is when a crowd has no object in view except blind flight and a wild desire to find a hole to hide in that it becomes ungovernable. That is panic. To prevent such a contingency it would seem necessary to organise some system of training, to adopt some well-conceived plan of action in which every member of the community will have some part, though it be nothing more than going home by the quickest route.

Representatives of the general public have already been introduced to the practical methods of combatting gas and the consequences of bombing. Of the several hundreds of men who attended the first of a

M.P.s have been complaining of the food that is served to them in the House of Commons. They have been complaining in particular of the fish which "always looks and tastes the same."

I do not know how far this is true of fish in the House of Commons, but it is true of fish in a good many places outside the House of Commons. It is certainly true of the fish in the railway dining-cars on one or two lines that I could name.

It has often struck me that the cooks in dining-cars must have some special process for extracting the flavour from fish before serving it. I do not mind this so much when the fish is cod, for cod seems to me to have no flavour that is worth preserving. But why make the choicer fishes taste like cod that has lost what wretched flavour it once possessed? This is one of the mysteries of travel.

series of lectures at the China Fleet Club on Monday last many will probably have drafted, in their own minds, tentative schemes for the organisation of their office staffs to meet the emergency of bombing or gas attack. The Government obviously has some plan in mind whereby heads of firms and their subordinates will organise units and educate staffs in the work to be done to combat fire and poison fumes during the day. The plan will be doubly valuable if it envisages some sort of instruction to the Chinese community which can be passed on to the mass of the people and applied by night.

Once again it is as well to remind the public that although these precautions are aimed at no immediate threat, they are directed against a very definite danger. Because the emergency has not arrived in the past is no excuse for denying its existence. Procrastination in such a matter cannot be condoned. It is the duty of every intelligent citizen to exert himself to help any precautionary scheme which the Government introduces to work as smoothly as possible. Preparedness entails precautions, and unless these are systematically and conscientiously studied and perfected, their application will not meet with the success that means protection. This is a time for study. The application of the knowledge to be gained may never be required, but at least Hongkong will be the richer for the peace of mind which comes with the assurance that everything possible has been done to ensure the security of the people.

ROBERT LYND'S SATURDAY ESSAY



The Fish Always Tastes The Same

the thought of the dropped jaws of the diners at sight of their unspeakable and uneatable dishes.

Why, for example, except in order to torture gourmets, do cooks beat and carve boiled cabbage into those loathsome triangles, the very look of which makes one feel that one is no longer hungry?

Many people, reduced by experience to despair, are convinced that there is no other way of cooking and serving cabbage. Yet the cabbage is an honest and eatable vegetable, even after the first flush of its spring tenderness, and I for one maintain that a well-cooked cabbage is preferable to a water-logged cauliflower.

BUT, if one is in a complaining mood, one can find a good many things to complain about besides cabbage. The beef, for example, that by some miracle has been made as insipid as the gravy that is served with it; the sweetbreads that have been ingeniously converted into a dish of gutta-percha; the Lancashire hotpot in which an assortment of bare bones flaunt it among the potatoes in faintly-tinted water; and—worst crime of all, perhaps—the apple-tart in which the crust has been cooked separately from the fruit. There is nothing to compare with the hideousness of a triangle of boiled cabbage except the hideousness of a triangle of bogus apple-tart.

Sometimes, when I am faced with one of these dishes, I wonder whether men of other ages had as much to complain about at table as we have. Most of the people who wrote about food

in the past seem to have enjoyed their meals as a rule. If I knew as much about diaries and diarists as Lord Ponsonby, I might be able to recall some complaints about cooking from the writings of the famous dead. As it is, I think of most of the eaters of the past as cheerful, ravenous fellows who simply did not know what it was to be served with a tough steak or underdone mutton or a section of salmon that had been boiled and reboiled every evening for a week.

It is true that the proverb "God sends meat, but the Devil sends cooks," is a fairly old one. Even so, I doubt whether any previous generation contained so many people who grumble about food as our own.

When the diaries of men now living are ultimately published I am sure they will teem with references to fish, vegetables and everything else that the hand of man—or woman—can spoil by cookery. I wish I could get a peep into one of these diaries, I am sure it would contain bitter accounts of the soggy scrambled eggs served at the hotel breakfast, of the leathery tongue served from the cold buffet at lunch, of the tinned spinach that appeared on the table at dinner, of the white coffee in which fragments of the skin of milk floated about like Rhine maidens.

IF women loved food as men do, the deplorable state of affairs that produces these complaints could, of course, never have arisen. For, whereas a man has the courage to complain about food only to his friends or in the secrecy of a diary, a woman equally addicted to food would send the dishes back to the kitchen till she got something that was not only eatable but agreeable to the palate and the eye.

Since women refuse to take a proper interest in food, however, the next best thing is for the grumblers to have the M.P.s on their side. M.P.s are the men who above all others get things done; and, if M.P.s begin to think seriously about food, we may see before long revolutionary changes in the kitchen.

After all, several of them have already noticed that the fish always tastes the same. That is a promising beginning.

Not that I care much about food myself; but I like grumbling about it. And how some of those chefs play up to my weakness!

BULLS AND INNERS

From the Office Butts

Christmas Hampers. This is the sort of obstacle we are always able to surmount.

Lugard Road seemed to be a popular point of vantage when the lights were out. We observed quite a lot ourselves.

There will be some excuse for blue noses this winter, with coal a dollar-fifty per scuttle.

We think it about time that the Hongkong Golf Club announced what exactly is to be bogey for feminine fashion in shorts.

A Leopard may not be able to change his spots, but this is the season when Yaumati Cat is liable to become number-one fox!

We understand that at one "Black-Out" party, a lady kissed her husband for five minutes without discovering it.

Commenting on the "Black-Out" a contemporary states "It may be possible to restrict the beams by means of funnels round the lamps. Why not blow them out?"

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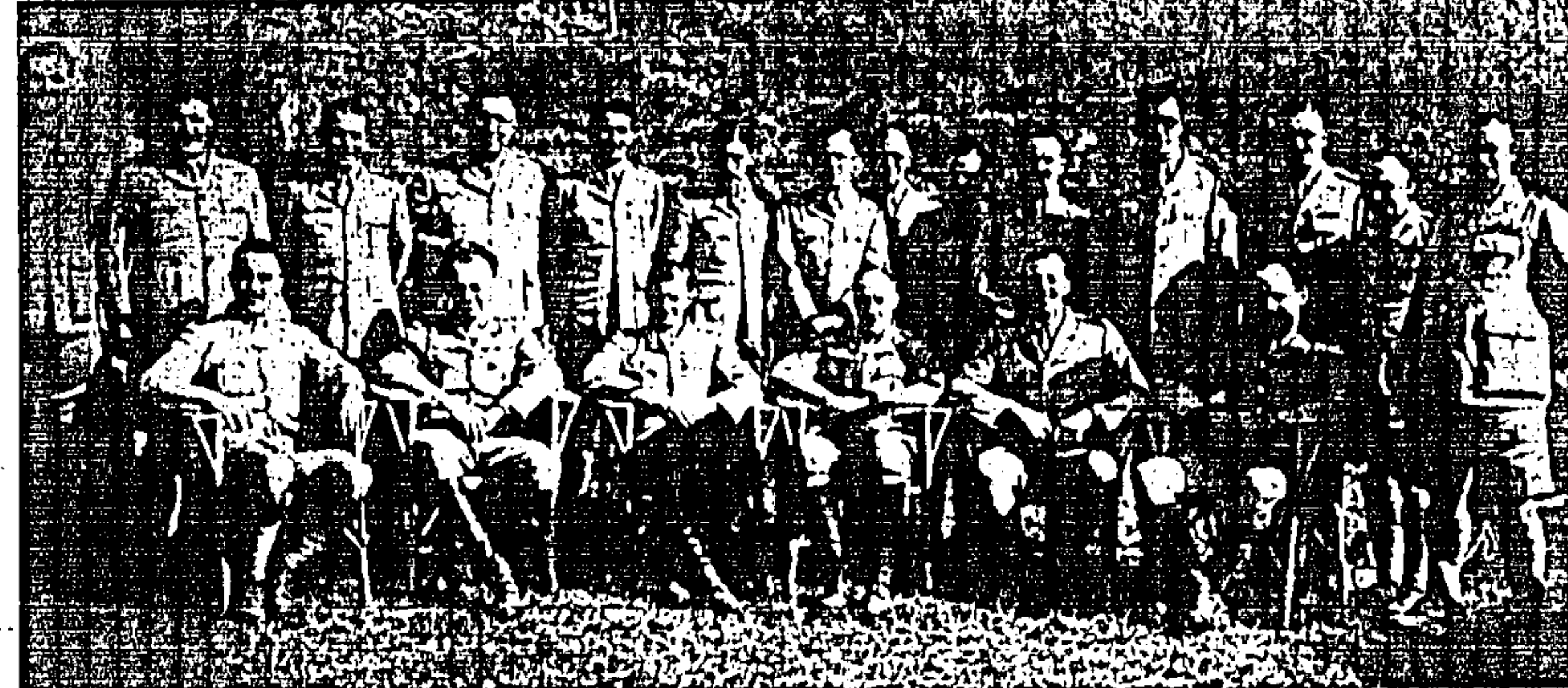
William Robertson, Hon. Producer, who is responsible for "The Arcadians".



Hector Wiggins as Jack Meadows, Anne Winter as Sombra, Doris Blair as Eileen and Lawry Ellis as Bobby. (All Photographs by Kobze).



Youngsters had a taste of Christmas festivities at the R.A.O.B. headquarters this week, when the Lodge entertained kiddies to a Christmas party. Here the little guests can be seen with Father Christmas and the well-stocked Christmas tree. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



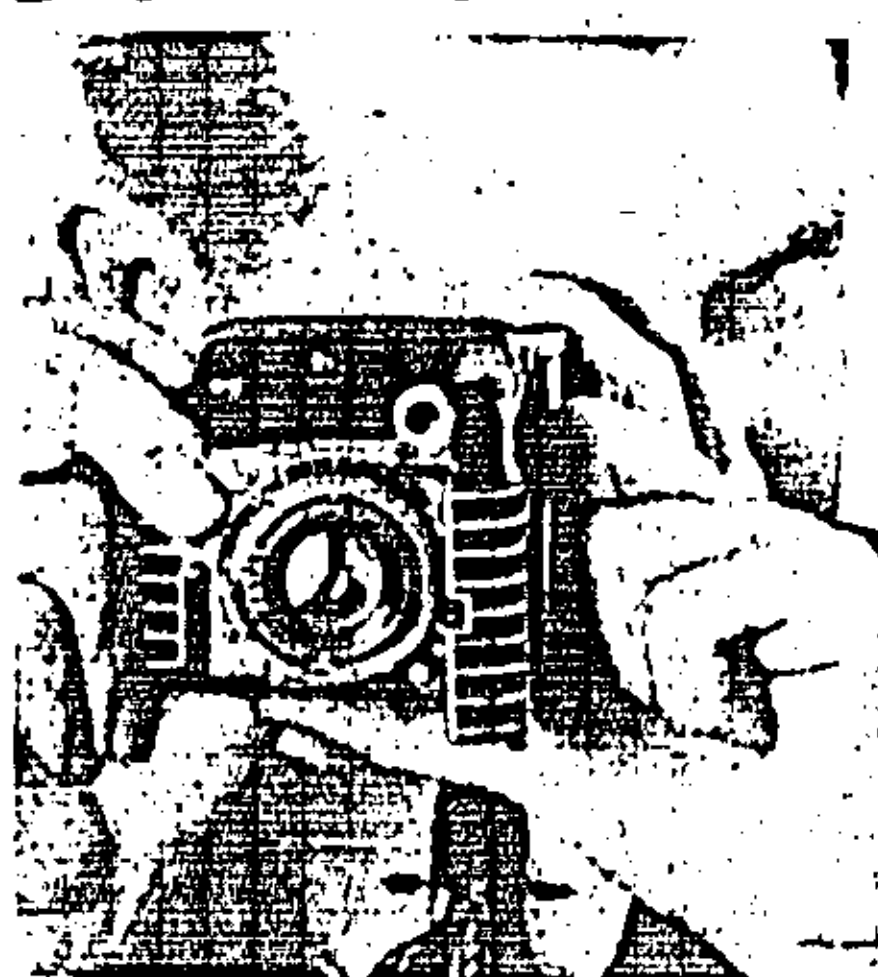
H.E. Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, General Officer Commanding, Col. R. C. B. Anderson, M.C., Major E. J. R. Mitchell and other officers of the Hongkong Volunteers photographed during last week-end camp at Fanling. (Photo: King's Studio).



Scene during the prize giving recently at the St. Louis Industrial School, Aberdeen. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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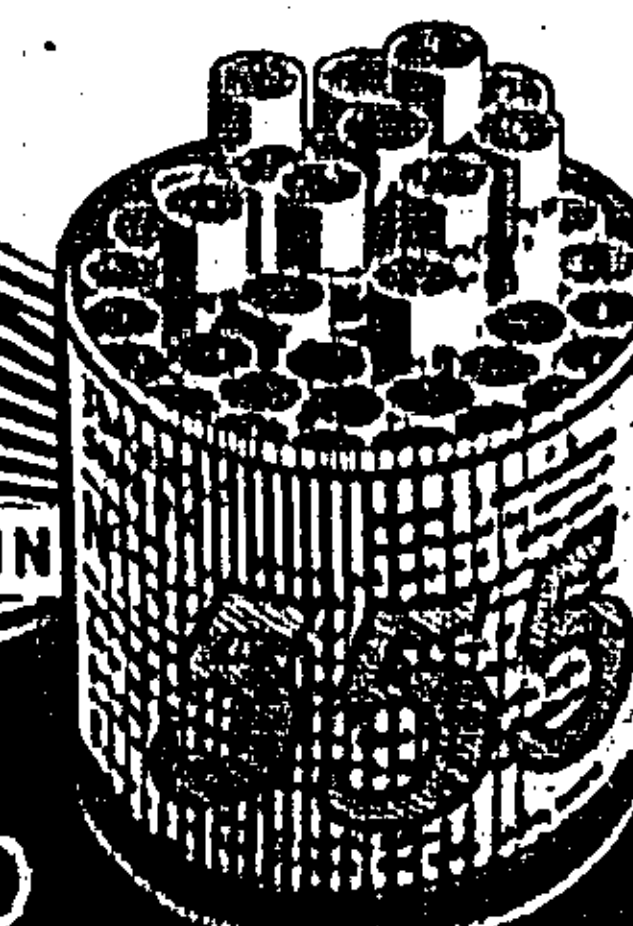


Splendid action study taken by our staff photographer during the Police athletic sports, showing a competitor leaping the bar in the high jump.



Members of the Deutscher Garten Klub who held a Christmas fair and children's party on Sunday last, photographed with some of the stalls. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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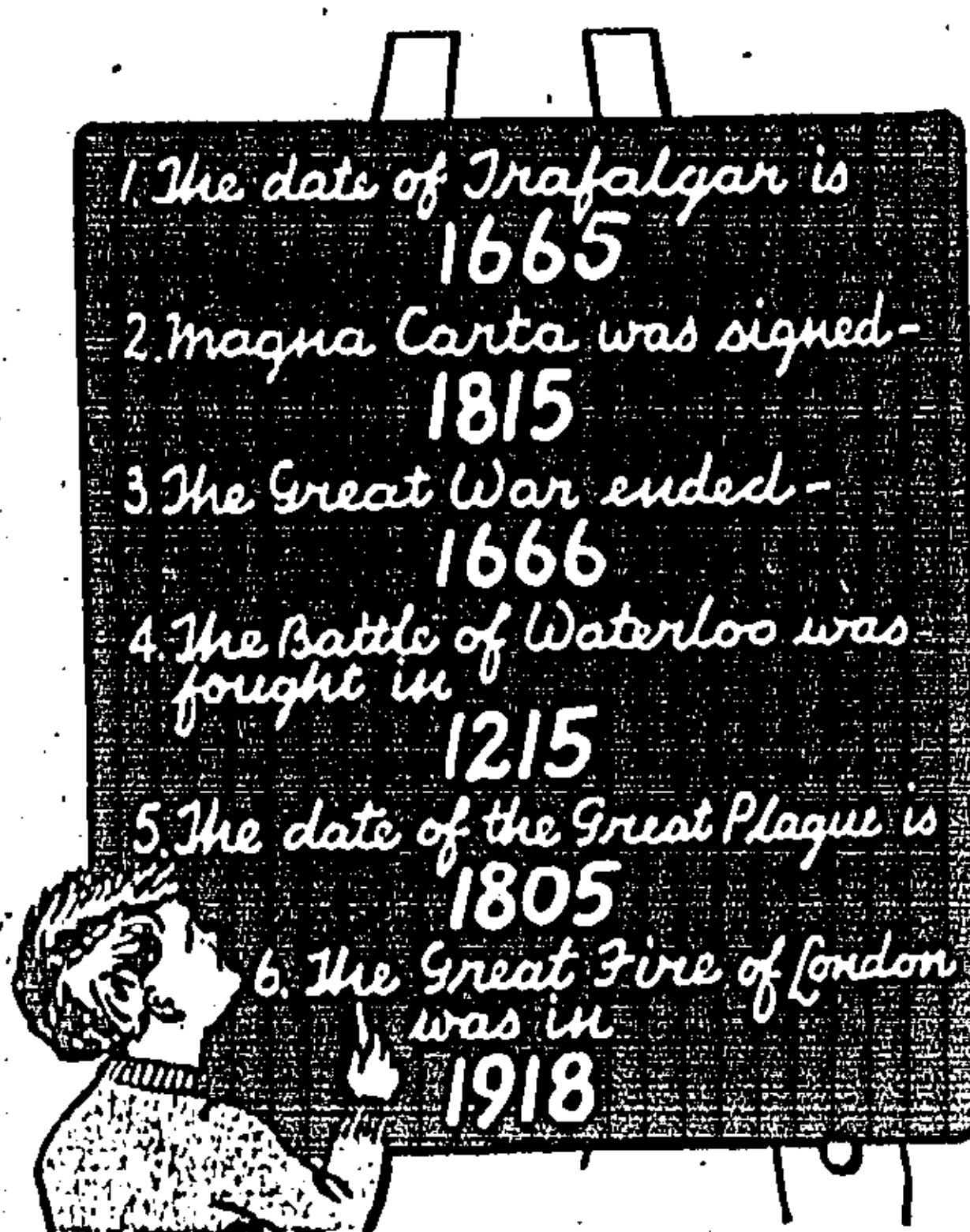
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Dear Kiddies,

The Seniors seemed to thoroughly enjoy last week's competition and many of you sent in entries. However, I think it must have been a wee bit too difficult for the Juniors as so few of them entered the competition.

The Senior prize is being awarded to Albert Hazell (aged 12), 113, Austin Road, Kowloon.

Patricia Coombs (aged 9), of 153, Hillwood Road, Kowloon, is the winner in the Junior section.

Will Albert and Patricia call at the "Hongkong Telegraph" offices for their prizes?

Merit Certificates are being sent to:
Seniors: Joyce Leong, Yasult Cooper, Madeline Huang, John James and Thelma Mendes.
Juniors: Benito de Sousa and Patsy Osmund.

I want to commend the following Seniors for excellent work: Dora Tiu, Donald Windsor, Amy Choy, Vivian Pomeroy, Wong Chiu-yung.

Doris, Li, Fern Ellis, Peggy Barton, Anna Wong, Yeung Kit-wa, Holly Clemo, Aida Mendes, Julia Leong, A. Grimmit, Maggie Alves, Maggie Cheng, Kenneth Hegerty, Suen Motak, Francis Ribeiro, Audrey Barton, Socorro M. Castro and Melba Cruz.

Juniors specially commended include Roy King, Betty Leong and Pinky Silva.

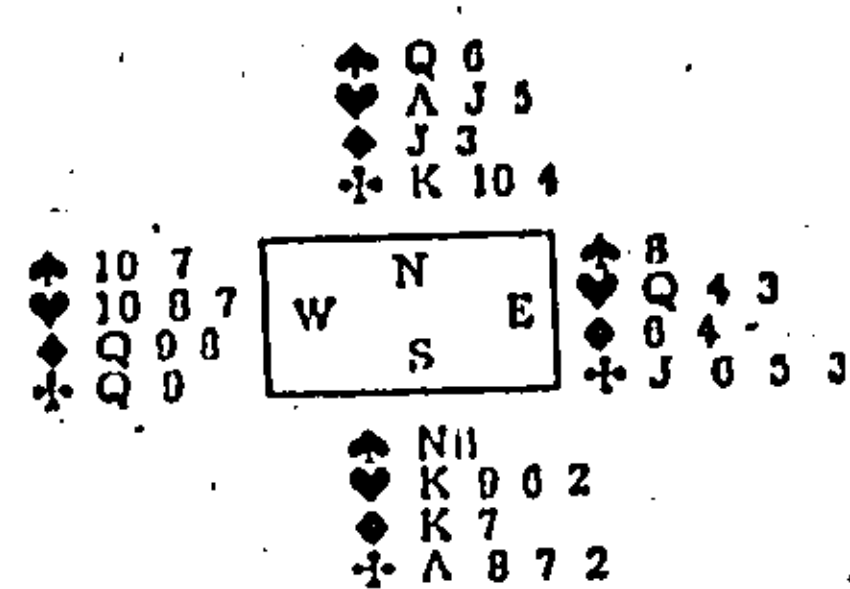
This week, kiddies, I am giving different competitions to Juniors and Seniors.

For the Seniors, the competition is a little history test. I want to see whether you have really learnt your history dates or not. Look at the above picture and you will see a small boy who has named six big events in history, but he has put the date in the wrong places. For instance, you know that the date of Trafalgar was not 1665. When was it?

Sort out the events and their dates properly. Then write them in

Bridge Problem

No. 37



There are no trumps. South leads and North-South must win nine of the ten tricks.

Solutions by post Wednesday to "Bridge Problem", Hongkong Telegraph, Wyndham Street.

SOLUTION OF NO. 36

South leads and wins with Ace of Clubs. South leads the trump (diamond) and North's King wins. North leads the two top clubs, and if West refuses to trump the second, North leads his losing trump and West winning, must lead up hearts to South, who wins two heart tricks. If West does trump North's second club he will still have to lead up hearts, and North's trump will win the last trick.

If West plays his Jack of trumps in the first trump lead, North also assuming that East has kept all his clubs and discarded a spade, leads only one round of clubs, throws the lead to East with a spade and East has to lead up his two remaining clubs to North's Q 10. Correct solutions from A.E.G. "Enjoy", "SEasy", Mrs. A.K. U.M.R.

This was an easy problem but to-day's should give readers more trouble and next week I am publishing a novel problem submitted by A.E.G. which is sure to intrigue.

Link in a neat numbered list and send to Uncle Eddie, c/o "Hongkong Telegraph". The competition will close on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

The entrant who sends in the correct reply will receive a prize.

Now I think that is really too difficult a puzzle for the Juniors. Now that Christmas is so near, I think it would be very nice if the Juniors were to paint a Santa Claus as their competition this week. Send in your painting to Uncle Eddie before 4 p.m. on Wednesday. There will be a prize for the best painting. Best of luck, kiddies.

Uncle Eddie

Downfall Of Aubrey St. Epps

"THIS afternoon, Dumbell," said Joshua Playfair, "we're not dealing with any of your low-down crooks. We shall be moving in the best circles."

"Indeed, sir?" said Dumbell non-committally. "The best criminal circles," said Playfair. "Something has got to be done—and pretty quickly—about Mr. Allenson Chartways."

Dumbell whistled. "Still after him, sir? Chap with influential friends, isn't he?" Playfair looked pained. "In this country," he said, "influential friends aren't much help to the criminal classes. Unless, you know, it's kleptomaniac or something fairly trivial. No, the trouble with Mr. Chartways—a receiver in a big way of business—is that he's not only got some influential friends, but some very clever friends. We're going, I hope to see one of them this afternoon."

Dumbell scratched his nose. "Who's that, sir?" "Sit down," said Playfair. "I'll tell you all about it. As I told you, you're nearly all about it. I might, you know, Dumbell, have a little idea up my sleeve. We're going to interview the Honourable Aubrey St. Epps."

DIAMONDS

Dumbell whistled again. "Aubrey St. Epps, eh? Why, that's another name I'm always seeing in the papers."

"You are, are you?" said Dumbell. "And you think,"

"that he's a wrong 'un?" Playfair passed over his cigarette case. "I'm sure that he's a wrong 'un. Let me tell you a few facts. Five weeks ago, Dumbell, the Stillwater diamonds were stolen from an exhibition in Bond Street."

Dumbell nodded. "Yes, I know that, sir."

"Who stole them," resumed Playfair, "is a mystery. It was one of three men. I'm certain, but as yet I can't prove which. So that's no use. But whoever the thief was, he took them to Mr. Chartways."

"Can you prove that, sir?" "Of course I can't; that's the rub. What I've got, you see, is a chain of known facts, or inferences, at present awaiting corroboration. This fact I've just mentioned—that Chartways handled the diamonds—is a hundred per cent. certainty; unfortunately, I haven't any witnesses. Chartways had the diamonds, though; and Chartways took three weeks or so to dispose of them. And where are they now—do you, Dumbell?"

"No, sir," said Dumbell. "I haven't the slightest idea."

"You haven't, eh? Well, I have. They're in Brussels now, being recut; and I've little doubt that it's already too late to identify them."

"I see," said Dumbell. "Does Mr. St. Epps come in? Is he now proposing to buy them?"

"No, Dumbell; he's not. So far as he's concerned, the transaction is finished. It was St. Epps, you see, who received them from Allenson Chartways and took them over to the Continent."

CHARTWAYS

"Ah!" said Dumbell. "And you're up against the usual difficulty. You know that these transactions took place, but you haven't any proof."

"That's right. What I want to do this afternoon is to get some admission from St. Epps of the connection between him and Chartways."

"But—" began Dumbell. He was interrupted by the phone bell. Playfair took up the instrument. "He's here," was his comment. "Good. Show him up. I'll probably want to see him alone, Dumbell."

Dumbell gathered up his papers. He was about to go when Mr. St. Epps was ushered in. He was a big, florid man, dressed expensively in morning coat and striped trousers. His white spats, his pearl tiepin, his

EPISODE FROM INSPECTOR PLAYFAIR'S NOTEBOOK

elaborately manured hands, were all in accord with Dumbell's expectations.

Playfair rose from his chair. "Good afternoon, Mr. St. Epps. Give Mr. St. Epps a seat, Dumbell. I shan't want you again, except—just wait a moment." He took a slip of paper from the desk. "I want you, Dumbell, to ring Mr. Allenson Chartways and make an appointment for him to see me to-morrow."

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"Very good," said Dumbell. "What time shall I say, sir?"

"Any time in the morning," said Playfair. "The number's in the book, sir?" "No," said Playfair. "He took up the slip of paper."

"I want you to try this number first, Dumbell. Wellington 7389. It's—no, he lowered his voice—"it's a number I use when I want to get hold of Chartways urgently."

Playfair turned to St. Epps. "So sorry to keep you waiting. I wanted a chat with you, Mr. St. Epps, and I thought I should be free by this time. However, I'm now at your disposal."

St. Epps smiled slightly, displaying a perfect set of teeth. "I beg pardon," he said. "You mean that I'm at your disposal, sir?"

"Know, Inspector," he added, "you should want to see me about, is more than I can conjecture."

Playfair waved a hand. "I can soon explain. Last week, Mr. St. Epps, you went over to Brussels with some diamonds."

St. Epps nodded. "Certainly. Nothing's gone wrong, has it? That fellow Lurie hasn't let me down?"

"Dear me, no," said Playfair. "Nothing's gone wrong—so far. But I wanted you to tell me, if you would, what diamonds those were?"

"Old family jewels," answered St. Epps promptly. "Rather valuable. I've had 'em by me for years. Times are hard, Inspector, as you know. But if I might ask the question—what has this to do with the Yard?"

Playfair looked at him intently. "Don't think me impertinent, Mr. St. Epps. I'm on the track of something important. And you, as one of our leading citizens will, I know, help me if you can."

"Are you sure you're telling the truth?"

ARREST

St. Epps registered anger. "Well, of all the—"

"I know, I know," said Playfair. "Don't tell me you'll have questions asked in the House. The best of us can make mistakes, Mr. St. Epps. You say those diamonds were your own?"

"Of course they were." "Then tell me something. When I came in just now, I was talking about a Mr. Chartways. Mr. Allenson Chartways. Tell me, Mr. St. Epps, do you happen to know him?"

St. Epps shook his head. "Sorry, Inspector. I never heard the name. And I'm damned if I can follow what any of this is about."

Playfair rose. "I'm sorry too," he said. "One of us, Mr. St. Epps, has made a sad mistake. I only hope, for your sake, that it's I. And, handing Mr. St. Epps his hat, with a deference that perhaps was touched with irony, he showed his visitor out. Nor was the irony of his gesture wholly misplaced. Three hours later St. Epps was arrested at Victoria, as he was making his way to the continental express."

What was it that had brought about his downfall?

Solution on Page Three

Current Affairs Test

HOW TO DO IT

Five possible answers are given for each question. Example: Prime Minister of Great Britain is (1) Anthony Eden, (2) Hailsham, (3) Baldwin, (4) Chamberlain, (5) Lloyd George. The number 4 meaning Chamberlain) has been placed at the right of O on the score sheet. (Solutions on Page Three).

Home Affairs

1.—Queen Elizabeth is the first reigning Queen to receive an honorary degree. She became (1) D.Mus., (2) Sc.D., (3) D.C.L., (4) D.Litt., (5) LL.D.

2.—Dr. Hensley Henson anticipates a crisis on the issue of disestablishment. He is Bishop of (1) Durham, (2) Oxford, (3) Winchester, (4) Gloucester, (5) Liverpool.

3.—Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the Labour opposition in the House of Commons is to face a censure motion from the constituency of (1) Whitechapel, (2) St. Pancras, (3) Limehouse, (4) Chelsea, (5) Bethnal Green.

4.—The death of Canon "Dick" Sheppard followed on a notable triumph for his Pledge Union. He had recently been elected Lord Rector of the University of (1) Aberdeen, (2) London, (3) Oxford, (4) Glasgow, (5) Manchester.

World Affairs

5.—"The Government," said Sir John Simon, "would stand by the Nine-Power Treaty." This statement concerned the situation in (1) Abyssinia, (2) China, (3) Palestine, (4) Spain, (5) Austria.

6.—Mr. La Guardia has been re-elected. His office is that of (1) Governor of Pennsylvania, (2) Mayor of Chicago, (3) Governor of New York State, (4) Mayor of Philadelphia, (5) Mayor of New York.

7.—For some time now there has been no French Ambassador in Rome. The reason is (1) that France refuses to recognise the (2) that no acceptable nominee is forthcoming, (3) that France resents Italy's support of General Franco, (4) that France objects to the recent rapprochement between Mussolini and Hitler, (5) that the two countries are at loggerheads over Italy's naval programme.

8.—The Maharajah of Bikaner is celebrating his jubilee. Bikaner is in (1) United Provinces, (2) Rajputana, (3) Central Provinces, (4) Punjab, (5) Hyderabad.

General

9.—Alterations at the Bodleian have been the subject of criticism. The Bodleian is (1) a museum, (2) a library, (3) a theatre, (4) a non-sectarian chapel, (5) a scientific institute.

10.—Cunard-White Star are to build a new Mauretania. Mauretania was the Roman name for (1) Moravia, (2) Palestine, (3) Morocco, (4) Malta, (5) Provence.

11.—"Indian woman saved from sultee" was a headline recently. Sutee is (1) a kind of leopard, (2) a form of leprosy, (3) a poisonous spider, (4) burning on her husband's funeral pyre, (5) a man-eating tiger.

12.—Heavy betting on the classic races means great activity at the club where leading bookmakers assemble. This is the (1) Victoria Club, (2) Turf Club, (3) Jockey Club, (4) Portland Club, (5) Eccentric Club.

13.—Mr. Justice Tucker is the new King's Bench Judge. When appointed a High Court Judge becomes a (1) baronet, (2) King's Counsel, (3) knight, (4) baron, (5) Bencher of his Inn.

A Lay Sermon

By HUGH REDWOOD

FOUR thousand people physically and spiritually hungry, and Jesus declaring they had been fed. But whence, as the disciples asked, could such bread be found in the wilderness? Look at the answer and learn its lesson: "How many loaves have ye?"

Not "how many loaves have ye?" it is noted. It is quite possible that here and there is that crowd of odd loaf might have been discovered which he could have made sufficient, and more than sufficient. But he asked how much his own followers had and he took it all, to the last little loaf. Then, with their own meat and His (as I like to think), He made provision for everyone.

Jesus is teaching again to-day in a world which has become a spiritual wilderness. All around us people are hungry, and we are apt to ask whence the bread is to come. The answer is that we must give such as we have and all that we have. Little as it is, He will make it enough. Even as we question, He is saying to us: "How many loaves have ye?"

14.—The forty-fourth anniversary of the death of Tschalkovsky was observed recently. He was (1) political revolutionary, (2) novelist, (3) composer, (4) landscape painter, (5) chemist.

Arts and Books

15.—John Masfield has written a new novel. This is called (1) Hark Forward, (2) Pompadour the Great, (3) Hard Cider, (4) The Square Peg, (5) Rogue Reynard.

16.—A Selection of Sir Owen Seaman's verses has been published. Seaman was editor of (1) The London Mercury, (2) The Athenaeum, (3) Country Life, (4) Punch, (5) The Westminster Gazette.

17.—"I Accuse" is at the "Q" Theatre. This play, adapted from the German by James Agate, tells of (1) the trial of Dimitroff, (2) the Rye House plot, (3) the flight of the ex-Kaiser, (4) the impeachment of Warren Hastings, (5) the Dreyfus case.

18.—Paul Robeson is starred in a new film. This is (1) Jericho, (2) Old Man of the River, (3) The Moon, (5) Tuxedo.

19.—"Consummation Est" will long be a subject of controversy. For this sculpture Mr. Epstein's material is (1) marble, (2) bronze, (3) alabaster, (4) wood, (5) sandstone.

Sport

20.—Oxford University beat Cambridge University in the annual Varsity rugby match on Tuesday. The Oxford Captain was (1) Obolensky (2) Feakes, (3) Mayhew, (4) Brett, (5) Cooke.

21.—The Professional Golfers' Association is at loggerheads with the "Royal and Ancient." The question at issue is (1) the number of clubs that may be carried, (2) lifting balls on the green, (3) the minimum size of golf balls, (4) the permissible weight of wooden clubs, (5) the replacing of divots.

22.—This season's most successful breeder of racchorses has been (1) Mr. J. W. A. Harris, (2) Sir Abe Bailey, (3) Lord Glanely, (4) Lord Derby, (5) the Aga Khan.

23.—A new schoolgirls' championship has been inaugurated. This is for (1) riding, (2) badminton, (3) fairs, (4) table tennis, (5) squash rackets.

SCORE SHEET

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WEEK-END PROBLEMS

By Hubert Phillips

PROBLEM I
PHYLLIS

LITTLE Phyllis is a precocious kid whom I last saw when she was five. Meeting her again recently, I remarked how she had grown, and enquired what her age was now. She replied:

"When father is as old as grandfather is now, I shall be as many times as old as I am now as I shall be years older than father is now."

"The combined ages of father, grandfather and myself total exactly 100."

How old is Phyllis?

PROBLEM II

TRIPLE
ACROSTAGRAM

The three uprights are anagrams of one another.

UPRIGHTS

My first suggests, say, music—or a bank (though no rhyme blows there).

My next is an old foundation; and a noble river flows there. My last? Why, here is something that my artist friends make play with—

And it's what my second's products are supposed to come away with!

LIGHTS

(1) Think of snoring; think of fishing; think—if you prefer—of tennis.

(2) The inside of an "auto"; look at those who go to Venice (1).

(3) One upright here is headless—an embarrassing position.

(4) My foe appears. But notice the initial word's omission! (Answer on Page Three)



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CHINESE NUPTIAL CUSTOMS

NEW customs of mankind are more diversely celebrated than those of marriage. These vary not only from nation to nation, but also amongst the different ranks of society. Thus we find that, amongst some peoples and races, the nuptial rites are of the utmost simplicity, whilst amongst others they attain the name of complex formulae, so-femised by the performance of a more or less adventurous concatenation of ritualistic ceremonies, many of which are prescribed by age-old custom, and others by the pious susceptibilities of many generations. Such a description as the latter aptly typifies the marriage customs of the Chinese people; for, of all the so-called Sons of Adam, none surpasses this remarkable nation in the complexity of the rites for the assumption of the state of lawful matrimony. Indeed, marriage amongst them is not merely a mutual arrangement for the formation of conjugal ties between two individuals of the opposite sex; but it implies in the most forcible way the linking of families—each a member of a clan of possibly divergent interests and bearing the patronymic or surname of a distinct ancestral patriarch.

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LIKE that other interesting people—the Children of Israel—who they resemble in so many ways, the Chinese as a whole cling tenaciously to the customs of their fathers, and one of these is the employment of moon-yan or "marriage brokers." These individuals are generally although not always elderly females who like the Hebrew *shofet* are hired out by families to search out the eligible girls of the neighbourhood, with whom their sons might contract a suitable matrimonial alliance. These "go-betweens" are armed with a red card bearing the birth-date and horoscope of the young man for whom his parents or guardians seek a suitable mate. The arrangement of a marriage, however, is not easy; for the elders and relatives of both families must be satisfied. No two persons of the same surname may ever marry, even in these iconoclastic times. Another preliminary which is generally carried out is that the genealogies of the two clans must be scrutinised for three generations in order to make sure that there is no latent taint of leprosy, epilepsy or other dread infection. After this has been ascertained to every one's satisfaction, the birth dates and horoscopes are compared, and if

found auspicious, an opportunity is provided for the young man to see the maidens whom the matchmakers have sought and of whom his parents have expressed tentative approval, and now await his own approbation, in order that the engagement may be effected. This ceremony is called a *seung-tai*, or "a looking at each other," and is an essential part of old-style Chinese courtship. This is accomplished by having the young man accompanied by the matchmakers, and a relative or two meet in turn the eligible young women in a quasi-accidental manner, either outside the village, in the park, or some other public place. No words are spoken, and often as not, the maiden does not know before-hand the purpose of the encounter. However, feminine intuition is sufficient to give an inkling of what is happening, and the sheepish actions of the young man betray what artifice has intended to conceal. The young couple stare at each other in apparent discomfiture, and after a moment or so of "staring up" each other, move away. After this series of casual inspections has been completed, the young man signifies his choice, and the preparations for the marriage can now go forward.

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THE formal engagement or *ting-fan* is amongst the Chinese an occasion of the highest importance. A formal contract is drawn up through the intermediaries, to which is affixed the seals of the two families, and the betrothal is completed by the exchange of a varied array of presents. Those sent by the man's family, in addition to the customary *lai-peng* or ceremonial cakes include the following: Mushrooms, lotus seeds, pomegranates, cypress leaves, and in many instances a gold ring. The significance of the latter is of course, apparent but the intent of the other items may seem mysterious. Needless to say each has a special ceremonial meaning, and expresses the hope that the forthcoming marriage may be a fruitful and happy one. It may be mentioned here, that, in the majority of instances, the payment of a fixed sum of money by the young man's parents is arranged for as an essential of the engagement. This it may be noted is a vestigial remnant of the primitive marriage by purchase, and, even to this day, the discussion of the maiden's *shan-ka* or "body-price" is an important preliminary in the marriage negotiations of most old-fashioned families.

The presents returned by the woman's family, however, are in most cases not so many or so elaborate, but propriety demands that they should approximate in value as nearly as possible. Nevertheless, the essential gifts which must be returned are the following: A box of *ch'a-keuk* literally "the feet of tea"—an assortment of red buns, and cakes of various kinds,—one pair of

pomegranates, one box of *hoi-mei* or "marine delicacies" such as abalone or other kinds of shell-fish, and some sweets. Frequently, too, the presents of the girl's family will include a gold watch pendant for the use of the prospective bridegroom.

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ABOUT ten days before the fixed date of the wedding is the period called the *kuoh-tai-lai* or "passing through the great rites" which is celebrated by the further exchange of ceremonial cakes and *ch'a-keuk*, and then comes the day before the wedding itself when the maid's trousseau is moved to the home of her intended husband. This is in itself quite an event, and the passage of the *trousseau* cooies through the streets bearing the new black lacquered boxes and articles of furniture is, in the case of wealthy families a remarkable sight, and serves to gratify the sense of ostentation which to both Chinese and Jew is a truly Oriental heritage.

At length in the proper season comes the wedding day—the gala occasion in the lives of Chinese girls, and boys, too, for that matter, as a man may marry only once, and his *kit-fat* wife is the only legal one, regardless of how many concubines he may take in his later and more affluent years. There are momentous preparations at the homes of both bride and groom. Early in the morning the bride dons the scarlet wedding garments, and is crowned with the *fung-kuon* or "bridal coronet" encrusted with gilded tinsel and hung with shimmering strings of artificial pearls. Various old women assist her in her dressing, and one of these is the lucky personage known as the *ho-ming-p'oh*, or "lucky matron," i.e. one who has given birth to many sons. This staid individual performs for her the important task of combing her hair; for on this occasion, it is deemed to be of special ceremonial significance. Indeed, not to have a *ho-ming-p'oh* to comb the bride's locks would be the equivalent of inviting disaster, and as the old woman combs, she sings the following verse:

"Yai-shoh shoh to mei
Yi-shoh shoh to pak-fat ts'ai-mei
Saam-shoh shoh to yi-suen moon
tel."

This may be freely translated as follows:
"With the first passing of the comb, I comb with the hope that your mutual love will endure to the end of your days
With the second, I comb with the wish that your mutual love will last until the time when

both of you will have
silvery hair
With the third passing of the comb,
I comb with the hope that you
two shall have many sons and
grandsons."

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SUNDOWN is the time fixed by custom for the bride to enter the *fa-ku* or "bridal palanquin." With the waiting carriers is a number of Chinese musicians, either a modern band playing wedding marches, or else one of the old-fashioned *paat-yam-tai* armed with Chinese horns and flutes. These are hired to perform the *saam-ch'ui saam-t'ing*, "the three blowings and the three invitings," i.e. the ceremonial of inviting the bride to enter the wedding chair. After this is done, she is carried out on the back of an old

eliminated, and the wedding is graced by the performance of truly decorous ceremonies.

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THERE is also a rather quaint custom which is carried out in most old-fashioned households on the wedding night—after incense has been burnt and libations of wine poured out to the various gods and goddesses in order that their aid and protection may be invoked—by having the nuptial bed prepared by a married couple who have been blessed with many children. This fortunate pair who are popularly known as the *ho-ming-kung-p'oh* or "husband and wife of auspicious destiny" perform this little ceremony by lighting candles and intoning the following verses as a sort of rustic epithalamium:

"Fa-p'oh tin-chuk sham kuong fai
Fa-kung sung-tsz to moon-lai
Fa faat moon t'ong ch'eng foo-kwai
Fa kaan kit-taz tsai loh-wai."

It

"Heung-chuk lai-pai poon ying
Heung-yin sau sheung yuen
t'in-t'ing
Heung-fung sheung ts'ong shan
kaam ling
Heung-fong shi wing kit tuen-shing."

These are in reality an example of a more or less stereotyped ritualistic orison and may be freely rendered in English doggerel as follows:

"Flower goddess, for thee our
candles burn bright,
Flower god, pray send sons this
home to delight,
Flowers filling with wealth and
honour the hall,
Flowers bearing much fruit on this
bed to fall."

"Our incense should blaze as in
prayer we bend;
Our sweet-scented smoke should to
Heaven ascend;
Our offering ye spirits take, we
entreat,
And this room shall be with linked
songs replete."

BY
T. PAUL
GREGORY

woman who is popularly known for the occasion as the *tsai-k'am*, and as she seats herself within the conveyance, she casts a last look at her childhood home.

After the arrival of the wedding sedan at the home of the bridegroom, there are various minor rites which are generally observed. One of these requires that the *san-long* or "new man" kick the door of the palanquin as a summons for the bride to come forth. After she steps out, she is carried over the threshold of the dwelling by one of the female members of the groom's family.

The customary old-style Chinese wedding ceremony would be to West-erners more or less of an ordeal. There are the interminable bowings—those stomachic salutations which propriety demands—kowtows to Heaven and Earth, to parents, to relatives and to each other. After these multifarious rites have been fulfilled, the *fan-shue* or "marriage register" is signed. There are, of course, numerous other details—variations of local custom, which are also observed. In some districts, too, the wedding is made the occasion to tease the bride and badger the bridegroom. Sometimes, the solemn event degenerates into a ribald spirit suggesting a rustic carnival. In modernised custom, however, much that is objectionable in the old-fashioned nuptials has been

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HAVE you ever taken mirror pictures; that is, for example, a picture of sister or the "girl friend" standing in front of a mirror perhaps "dolling up" a bit or maybe just admiring herself?

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If it is desired to include the subject in the picture with the reflected image the focus should be set for the distance from the mirror to the lens. The smaller the lens opening the greater the depth of field and the sharper will be both images. Of course, the nearer the subject is to the mirror the less is required in the matter of "depth."

Let us suppose that sister Mary is two feet and the camera six feet from the mirror. If you want to include sister, as well as her reflected image, in the picture, set the focus at six feet. If you want only the reflected image in the picture, you set the focus at eight feet. A photoflash lamp simplifies your exposure problem and permits a small enough lens opening to gain a sufficient range of sharpness.

After locating your subject in the studio and setting the focus of your camera at the proper distance, set the shutter for "time", place a photoflash bulb in an ordinary floor lamp within reaching distance from the camera, tilting the shade slightly upward and toward the subject. If you cannot tilt the shade, remove it from the lamp. It is best not to have any bright lights burning near the lens of the camera. Set your lens opening according to the table on the photoflash lamp container. Take your position at the camera, press the cable release to open your shutter and immediately turn on the

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TEST ANSWERS

Week-End Problems

PROBLEM I.

PHYLLIS

Phyllis is nine.
Father is 32 and Grandfather is 59. When Father is 59, Phyllis will be 36—four times her present age, and four years older than Father is now.

Note.—The clause that Phyllis is over five is necessary to the problem. There would otherwise be two other solutions. It will probably interest solvers to work these out.

PROBLEM II.

TRIPLE ACROSTIC

NET
MOTOR
ETON
ENEMY

Downfall Of Aubrey

St. Epps

(Solution)

St. Epps had fallen into a trap. The conversation between Playfair and Dumbell—which he thought himself so clever to have overheard—had been staged for his especial benefit. Hurrying from the Yard he rang up Charloway's "special" number, Wellington 7389—of which he had just heard for the first time—to inform his confederate that Playfair's suspicions had been aroused. He had committed himself beyond hope of redemption before he realised that he was talking to a detective. Flight and arrest followed.

Current Affairs

(1)	5	(9)	2	(17)	5
(2)	1	(10)	3	(18)	1
(3)	3	(11)	4	(19)	3
(4)	4	(12)	1	(20)	4
(5)	2	(13)	3	(21)	2
(6)	5	(14)	2	(22)	5
(7)	1	(15)	4	(23)	2
(8)	2	(16)	4	(24)	3

All their happiness depended on him.

Oh, Mr. Martin! I had to send that report into the directors' meeting without you seeing it. Sorry couldn't wait. But I checked it carefully!

THINKS: Very efficient—but not your job, young man!

MEANWHILE IN THE DIRECTORS' MEETING:

But, my dear sir, Martin looks half asleep all day. If the younger man can do the job better, Martin must take the consequences. I'll talk to Martin.

THAT NIGHT

THINKS: Their happiness depends on my job...! The directors are right, I am half asleep. I'll simply have to see a doctor about this wretched tiredness.

THE DOCTOR SAYS:

It's this waking tired that's holding you back! Even during sleep, heartbeats and other automatic actions go on using up energy. Unless energy's replaced during sleep, of course you wake tired—Night Starved! I advise Horlicks.

3 MONTHS LATER

Darling! Remember I'm getting a rise this month. I hate to see you slaving and doing all the housework yourself. Let's get a daily help in.

Does your husband wake tired?

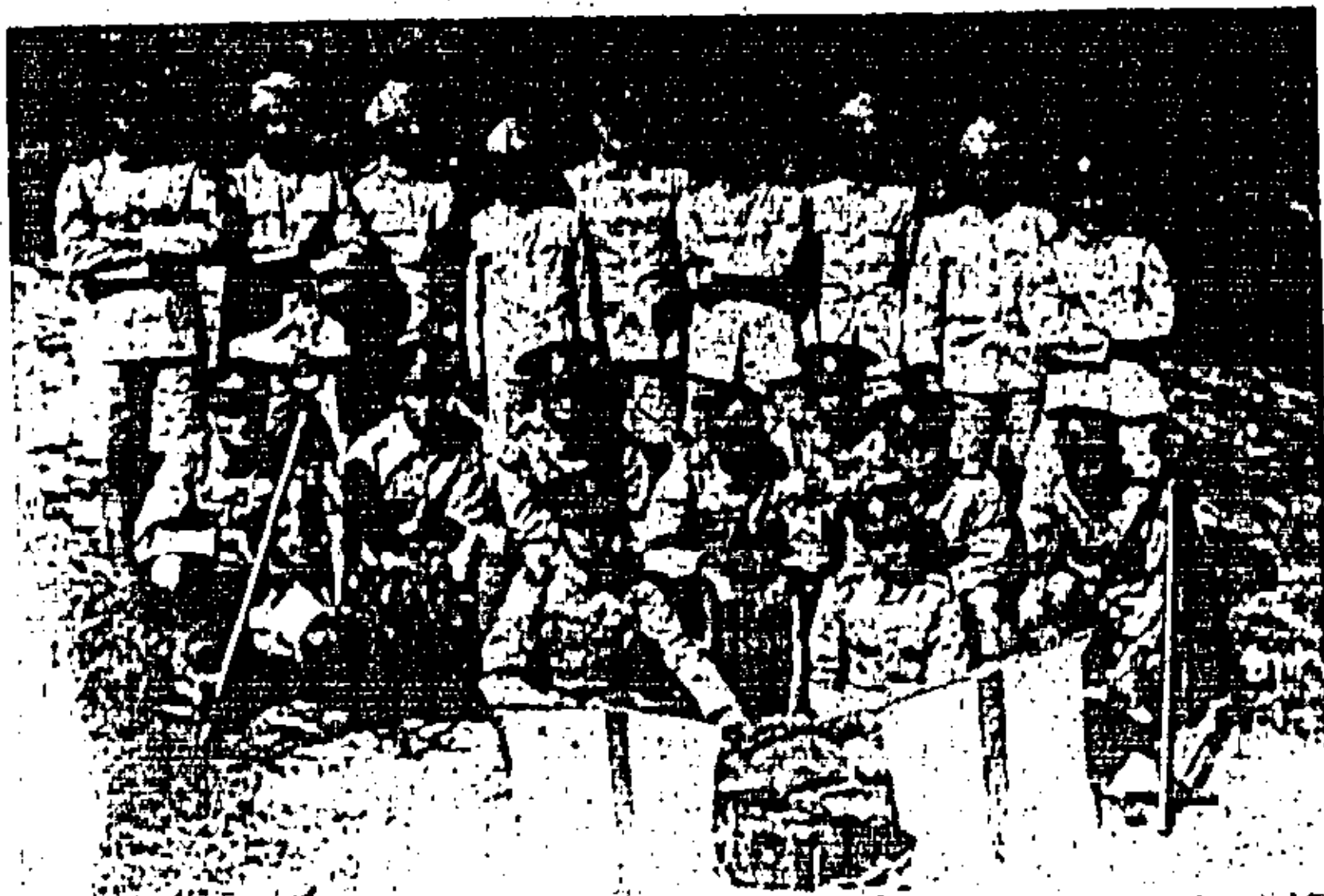
If he does, see to it that he gets Horlicks regularly, a cupful every night. He'll get the right kind of sleep, and wake refreshed. He'll be able to concentrate better, he won't be handicapped any longer at his work by that deadening tiredness.

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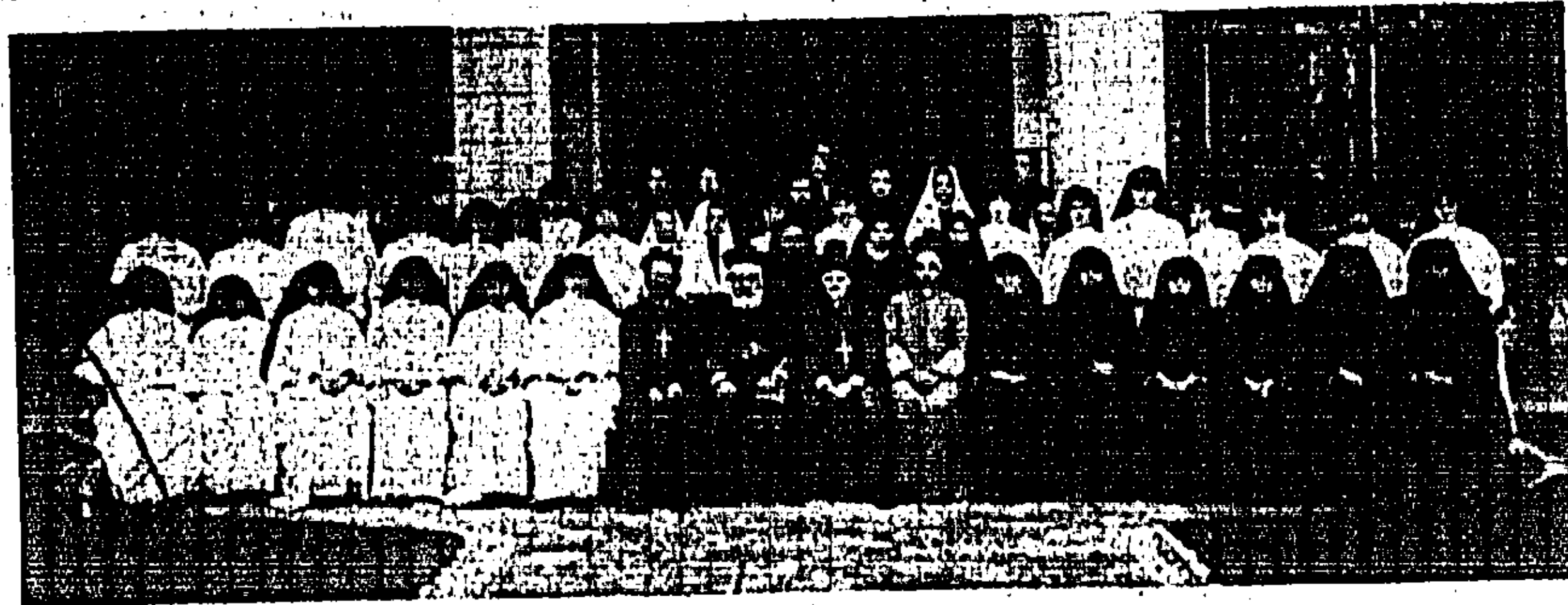
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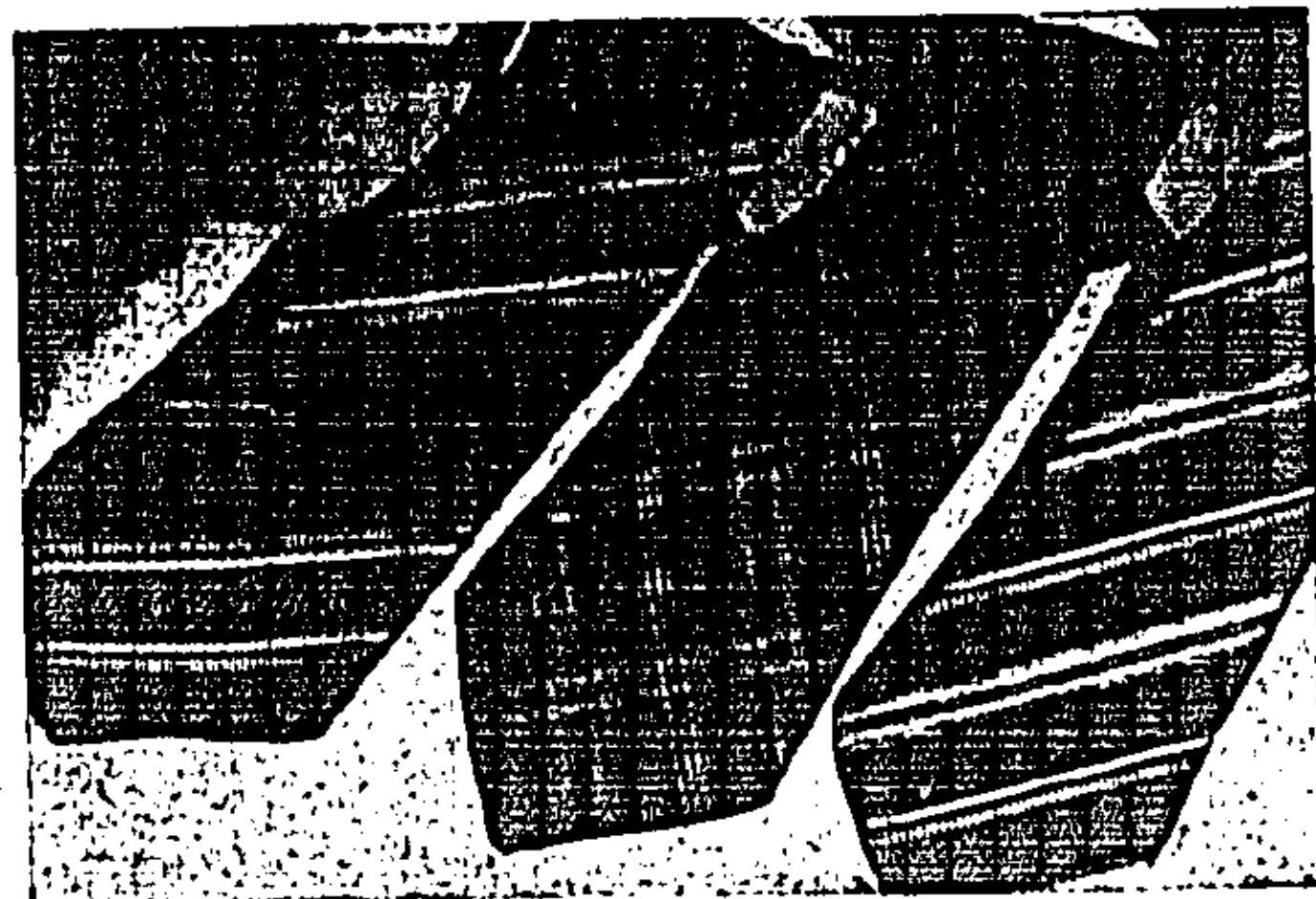
Stalls doing a brisk business at the St. John's Cathedral Garden Fete held recently. (Photo: Staff Photographer).



Members of the signalling section of the Hongkong Volunteers who participated in the weekend camp at Fanling. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



This picture was taken after the consecration of the Most Rev. Adolph Paschang, Vicar Apostolic of Kongmoon, by Bishop Francis X. Ford, assisted by Bishop Valtorta at the Maryknoll Rest House, Stanley. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



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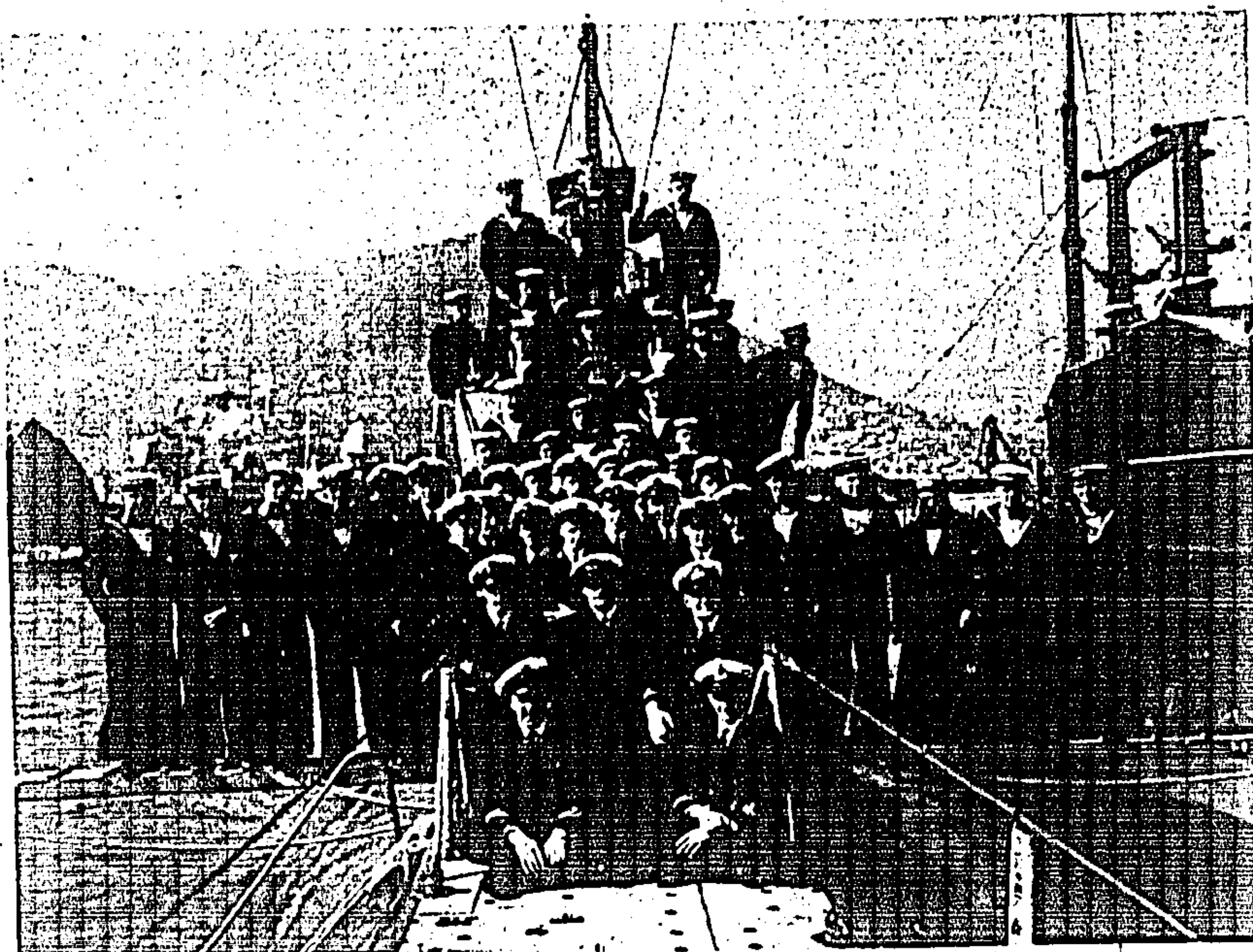
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In Search of Health

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

By J. NORMAN LYND



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AS SOME WIVES SEE IT, THE ONLY WAY TO BE HEALTHY AND LIVE TO A Ripe OLD AGE IS TO "WRAP UP WARM" WEAR YOUR RUBBERS AND KEEP OUT OF DRAFTS

DIET IS IMPORTANT --- AND AFTER A LIFETIME SPENT WITH JUICY STEAKS AND RICH FOODS THE DAY COMES WHEN ONE HAS TO BE CONTENT WITH PILLS AND DRY TOAST --- AND VERY LITTLE OF THAT.



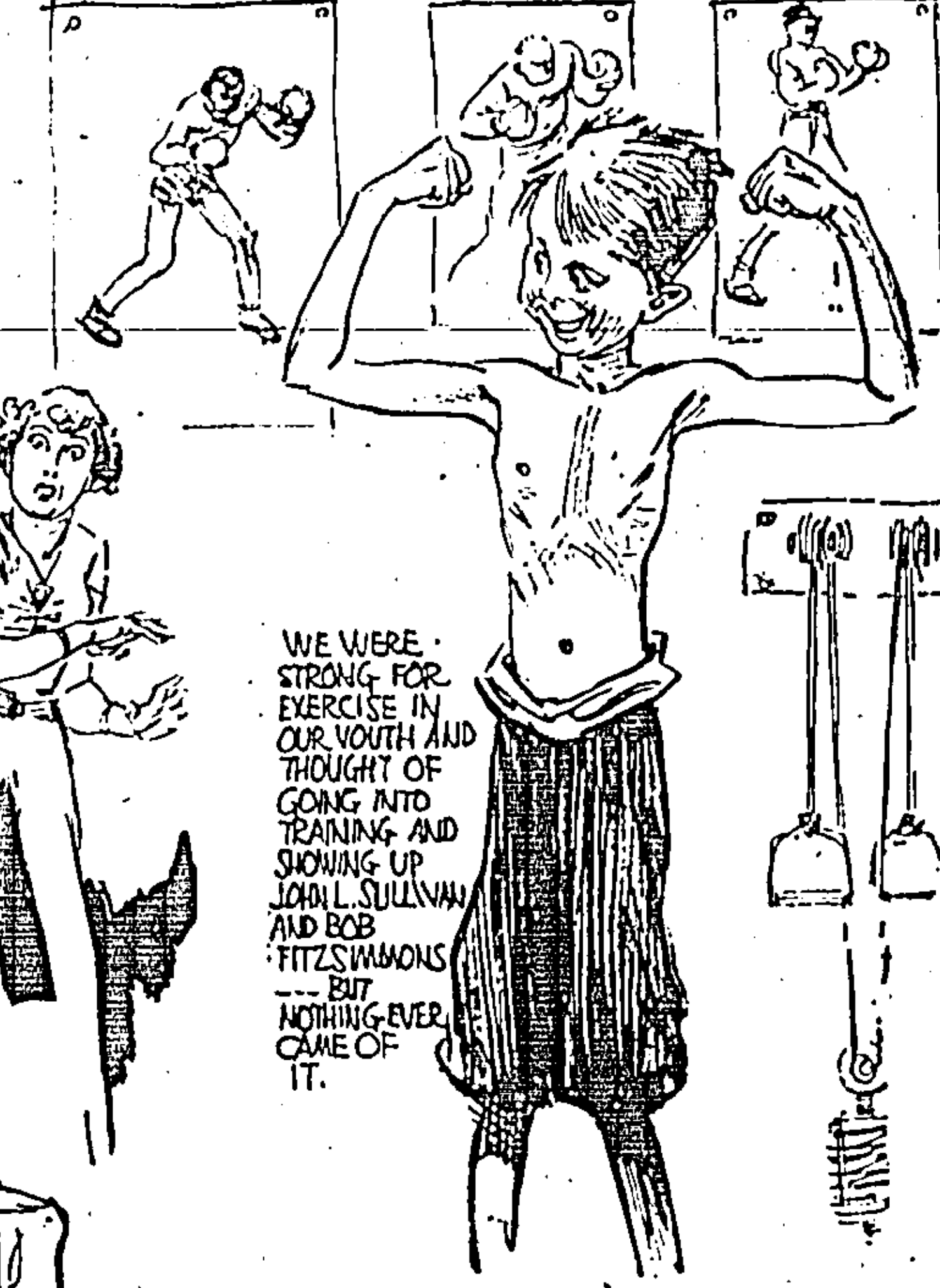
A CHANGE OF SCENE IS GOOD FOR DOWN PARTIES TO THE CONTRAST. A SEA VOYAGE MAYBE --- ON DIFFERENT BOATS



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RABBITS' EYES TO MAKE BLIND PEOPLE SEE

SURGEON TO GIVE RESULTS OF EXPERIMENTS

Thousands of blind human beings, many of whom have been sightless since birth, will, it is expected, be able to see through the eyes of rabbits in the near future.

Mr. J. W. Tudor Thomas, the Cardiff eye-grafting surgeon, has been trying for several years to breed rabbits which have corneas large enough for grafting on diseased human eyes.

These experiments, it is understood, have been successful, and it is believed that Mr. Thomas will shortly announce the results of his experiments to the medical profession.

The cornea of an ordinary-sized rabbit is too small to be grafted on a human eye, although Mr. Thomas has found that it is suitable in other respects.

The cornea is the external translucent skin of the eye, which in some eye diseases becomes opaque.

UNLIMITED

In an eye-grafting operation the opaque cornea is removed, and a normal healthy one is grafted in its place.

Eye surgeons have been handicapped by the shortage of available human corneas. They have had to rely on being able to take them from people blinded through other causes.

The number of healthy corneas obtainable from this source is very small, and the supply is limited further by the fact that they must have certain technical characteristics to be suitable.

Mr. Tudor Thomas's race of gigantic rabbits will provide an unlimited supply suitable for giving sight to blind people.

The rabbit-breeding experiments are taking place in laboratories in Cardiff.

OFFERS

So great is the demand for corneas that people with normal eyesight have offered to lose the sight of one eye to benefit relatives.

Recently an article appeared in the *Lancet* describing how eyes removed from the dead have been successfully used for eye-grafting operations.

The eyes removed from corpses were preserved in an air-tight jar in an ice chest at a temperature a few degrees above freezing point.

It was stated that the results from corneas obtained in this way were as good as those obtained from living eyes.

People have come from as far afield as New Zealand and Canada to be operated on by Mr. Thomas at the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital, Judd-street, London, W.C.

DOCTOR GAVE LIFE TO BABY BORN DEAD

From a little house in Colley-row, Bedford, people can hear the occasional cry of a baby born during the week-end.

When the local doctor called at Colley-row to help Mrs. Watkins with her first child, he did not expect any difficulties—just another birth.

But the baby, a girl, was born dead—or apparently so—for there was an obstruction in her throat that prevented her breathing.

He took a chance in a million, gave the baby an injection, then held her up by her legs and shook her. Out flew the obstruction like a bullet.

Then he breathed into the baby's mouth and in about half an hour had the joy of seeing her come to life.

SAVED BY SHADOW

A shadow over him made sixty-three-year-old Edwin Day, of Liverpool-road, N., look up as he stood in Beauvais-place, Holloway.

The shadow was cast by Albert Chalk, thirty-five-year-old telephone mechanic, of Ferny-road, East Barnet, falling forty feet from a roof.

Mr. Day stepped aside instinctively. Chalk crashed to the pavement at his side, was killed.

Said Mr. Day: "I felt him brush past my arm."

No Will—But 3,500 Lawyers

Philadelphia.

No will was found when the body of Mrs. Henrietta Edwardina Garrett, whose \$6,000,000 fortune has been claimed by 17,000 people, was exhumed at Laurel Hill cemetery, Philadelphia.

The exhumation was ordered on a petition filed by Mrs. Henrietta Garrett Ferguson, of Haverford, Pennsylvania, one of the ten claimants left after successive eliminations.

Claimants have briefed 3,500 lawyers to prosecute their claims, and it is thought that it will take the courts fifteen years to decide on the disposal of the property.

BOY FLIES SOLO AFTER TWO HOURS' TUITION

George Uden, eighteen-year-old Hyde (Kent) boy, broke air school records when he flew solo after only 1 hour 55 minutes' tuition at Lymington airport.

His friend, John Richards, flew alone after only 2 hours 50 minutes' tuition. Normal time is 15-20 hours.

Chief Lymington instructor David Llewellyn says their success is the result of teaching them to fly by ground demonstrations before they get into a plane at all.

Uden and Richards are two of the six pilot-pupil members of a new youth training scheme. They pay £1 a week towards their flying bill.

FLYING CLUB CLAIMS RECORD

A RECORD for all flying clubs in Malaya is claimed by the Royal Singapore Flying Club by a plane during October.

The number of members who flew during the month was 60. Five obtained their "A" licences for senior pilots, while Miss E. M. Ustache became the first woman member to gain a ticket for land planes.

"Flying for anti-aircraft height finding continued during the month," says the report signed by J. C. Cooke, the club captain, "and gunners who suspected the accuracy of our flying accompanied our pilots from time to time, and expressed surprise at the accurate heights kept and recorded on these flights."

More members were indulging in aerobatics. "This is to be encouraged," says the captain, "as it makes for accurate flying, but 'aerobatic' landings are not popular."

Dogcatcher Soft-Hearted

Kirkville, Mo. This city boasts of a dogcatcher who doesn't consider his job done until he finds a home for the wandering pets he takes to the pound.

Death Changes Toast

Budapest. Heinrich Weiss invited a group of friends to a village inn where they were to celebrate his 55th birthday. A friend stood to wish a long life to the host, whereupon Weiss fell dead.



Here is the latest popularity Queen—Miss Photo—who was elected in a recent Paris competition. Here she is facing a battery of cameras.

'OFF WITH THE OLD LOVE' HUSBANDS ATTACKED BY M.P.s

(By William Barkley)

The House of Commons provided an unusually interesting Friday discussing a Bill to stop husbands disinheriting their widows and children.

It was introduced by Mr. J.S. Holmes (Lib. Nat.—Harrow), who said:—

"It will stop such cases as that of a man who has been married for twenty years to a woman who has given him the best years of her life suddenly making a will in favour of some young woman who has swept him off his feet, thus leaving his widow and children destitute."

Major Dover (Penrith—Cons.) opposed the Bill. He admitted such hard cases. "A devoted wife," he said, "may be left penniless on the death of her husband because of some new love for some flimsy bit of stuff when he was an old man."

"I should like to see such cases stopped. It should be compulsory for a man to leave a specified sum to his wife, but he should leave everything to a good wife."

'VEXATIOUS'

He opposed the Bill because it would lead to vexatious litigation of the worst kind—the kind which divided families.

He read this letter, which he said had been sent to him from the head of one of the biggest businesses in Sunderland:—

"I have worked since I was thirteen, starting with nothing. My wife has helped me daily throughout my life. I have a bad son, aged twenty-five. Although his mother and myself and the rest of the family are life-long abstainers, he persists and has persisted for years in spoiling his own life and our lives."

"Our son is not fit to inherit my money. Should the Bill be passed against your ideas and the good judgment of the House, we shall certainly get rid of this money before we depart from this vale of tears. God guide you in your good work."

Parliament then witnessed the wholesome and refreshing spectacle of lawyers refusing good money.

"The Bill will prove a perfect goldmine for the lawyers," said Sir Archibald Southby (Epsom—Cons.), "and I do not believe the legal profession want it."

Many M.P.s laughed loudly at the picture of Chancery refusing El Dorado, but oddly enough it was a true picture, because the most strenuous opponent of the Bill was Chancery barrister Mr. W. P. Spens (Ashford—Cons.).

He and other lawyers contrasted the simple Scottish law with the proposed in this Bill that the aggrieved widow or children must make application to the courts to have the will altered.

In Scotland, when a man dies his widow is automatically entitled to one-third of his movable property

and his children to another third of it.

"I frankly prefer a modification of Scots law if there is to be any legislation for England," said Mr. Spens. "Surely it is better to give a wife and family some sort of definite right from the beginning. But under this Bill every person within the requisite degree of relationship will be able to go to court and say that the provisions of a will are unreasonable."

'APPALLED'

"Knowing human nature as I do, I am absolutely appalled at the prospect of the litigation which would be opened up for dissatisfied people to go to the courts as a right."

"An interfering mother-in-law or sister-in-law might think that a widow was likely and might disinherit her husband's money before the children of the marriage attained the age of twenty-one."

"They would make application before the Court of Chancery to have provision made for the children, although the father might have had perfect confidence in the widow's ability to look after the children."

Supporters of the Bill retorted that if it became law testators would no longer make wills which they knew the courts would have power to set aside. No solicitor would permit his client to make a will in defiance of the Bill.

Every speaker favoured relief for the destitute widow and children. Although the terms of this Bill caused so much argument its principle had overwhelming support.

When Mr. Bartle Bull (Enfield—Cons.) looked like talking out of the discussion, when the House was due to adjourn at four o'clock, the closure was carried by 159 votes to 29.

This is a big Friday vote and a big vote for carrying the Bill further. The second reading was then carried without a division at all.

Mint Becomes Arms Factory

Pretoria, South Africa. The Royal Mint here is to be used as an armaments factory when the premises are transferred from the British Government to the South African Government.

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The Echo of A Song (Edgar, Konig and Mann); Leave Me With A Love Song (Kennedy and Williams); Paris In The Spring (Film 'Paris Love Song').

12.40 Hawaiian Music. Papalina Lablani (Johnny Noble); Hilewa (Wood); Ray Kinney with Dick McIntire's Harmony.

Hawaiians; Hawaiian Love-Waltz (Aloha); Not Lane's Hawaiian Orchestra. Vocal refrain by N. Lopez and Trio; Maybe It's The Moon (Whiting); Rock Me In A Cradle Of Kailua (Wending); From The Beach Of Hawaii (Trio); On The Beach Of Waikiki (Kallimal); Hilo Hanakahi (Hialeka); Walkiki Stone-Wall Boys.

1.00 Time and Weather. 1.03 Czech Philharmonic Orchestra.

Slavonic Dance No. 11 in F Major; Slavonic Dance No. 13 in B Flat Major; Slavonic Dance No. 16 in A Flat Major (Dvorak).

1.15 Latest Dance Tunes. Fox-Trot—The Toy Trumpet... Nat Gonella and His Georgians; Waltz—You Needn't Have Kept It A Secret; Fox-Trot—Moon At Sea... Ronnie Munro and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Ten Pretty Girls... Nat Gonella and His Georgians; Toodle-Oh... Brian Lawrence and His Lancers; In An Old Cathedral Town... Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reader and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Variety. Dance Orchestra—I'm Gonna Kiss Myself Good-Bye—Fox-Trot; One In A Million (from the film)—Fox-Trot... Brian Lawrence and His Lancers; Dance Orchestra—Trumpet—Until Downe Orchestra; Trumpet—The Real Thing Comes Along (Cahn-Chaplin-Freeman); High Hat Trumpet and Rhythm (Valaida)...

Valaida (Queen of the Trumpet) with Swing Accompaniment; Vocal Duet—All Because Of You (Low, Clarke, Browning and Starr) Let's Go Bully-hoo (Browning, Starr and Brooks); Browning and Starr; Piano—I Have A Heart For Lovely Women—Waltz (Kunneke)...

Fred Stein; Comedian—Julietta (Geor, Vaucaire Smith and Harrington) The Love Bug Will Bite You (Tomlin)...

Max Miller; Orchestra—Like Bananas (Because They Have No Bones) (Vucich); Wah Hoo! (Friend) The Original Hoosier Hot Shots.

2.15 Close Down. 4.00-7.00 Chinese Programme. 7.00 Brahms—Quartet In A Minor Op. 51, No. 2.

Played by the Lener String Quartet. 7.23 Stock Quotations and Hong-Kong Exchange Market.

7.30 Studio—Doreen Ma at the Piano. 1. Medley from 'Wake Up and Live'; Intro: There's a Lull in my Life; It's swell of you; Never in a Million Years; Wake Up and Live; 2. Truckin'; 3. Stardust; 4. Ten for Two.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements. 8.05 London Relay—'As I See It'—6.

A talk by the Rt. Hon. Margaret MacDonald, M.P. 8.20 London Philharmonic Orchestra and Alexander Kipnis (Bass).

Froissart Overture, Op. 19 (Elgar); Orchestra; Der Doppelgänger; Aufenthal (Schubert)...

Alexander Kipnis with Piano accompaniment by Frank Bibb; L'Arlesienne Suite (No. 2—Bisak); Farandole; Menuet...

8.50 London Relay—London Lor. A talk by Cyril Gardiner.

9.00 Variety. Humorous Sketch—Sandy Goes Courting... Sandy Powell and Company; Vocal—What Have You Done To My Heart (film 'Café Collette')...

Twilight Serenade... Charlie Wright and The Twilight Serenaders; Humorous Sketch—The Cure (Hiccoughs)...

Cicely Courtneidge and Jack Hulbert assisted by Laurence Green and Cecile Dixon; Vocal—Mad Dogs and Englishmen (from 'Words and Music') Lover of my Dreams (from 'Cavalcade')...

Noel Coward (Baritone); Humorous—John Henry's Night Out... John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge.

9.30 London Relay—The News. 9.50 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden Grill-Room of the Hongkong Hotel.

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11.00 13. On the little bamboo bridge; 14. Sweet Lullaby; 15. Medley of Hawaiian Hulas; 16. Honey-suckle Rose. 11.15 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

12.20 17. Love, what have you done; 18. Adios Argentina; 19. Cubalero; 20. Cuba Libre. 11.35 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

11.45 21. Whispers in the dark; 22. Public Melody No. 1; 23. Stop!

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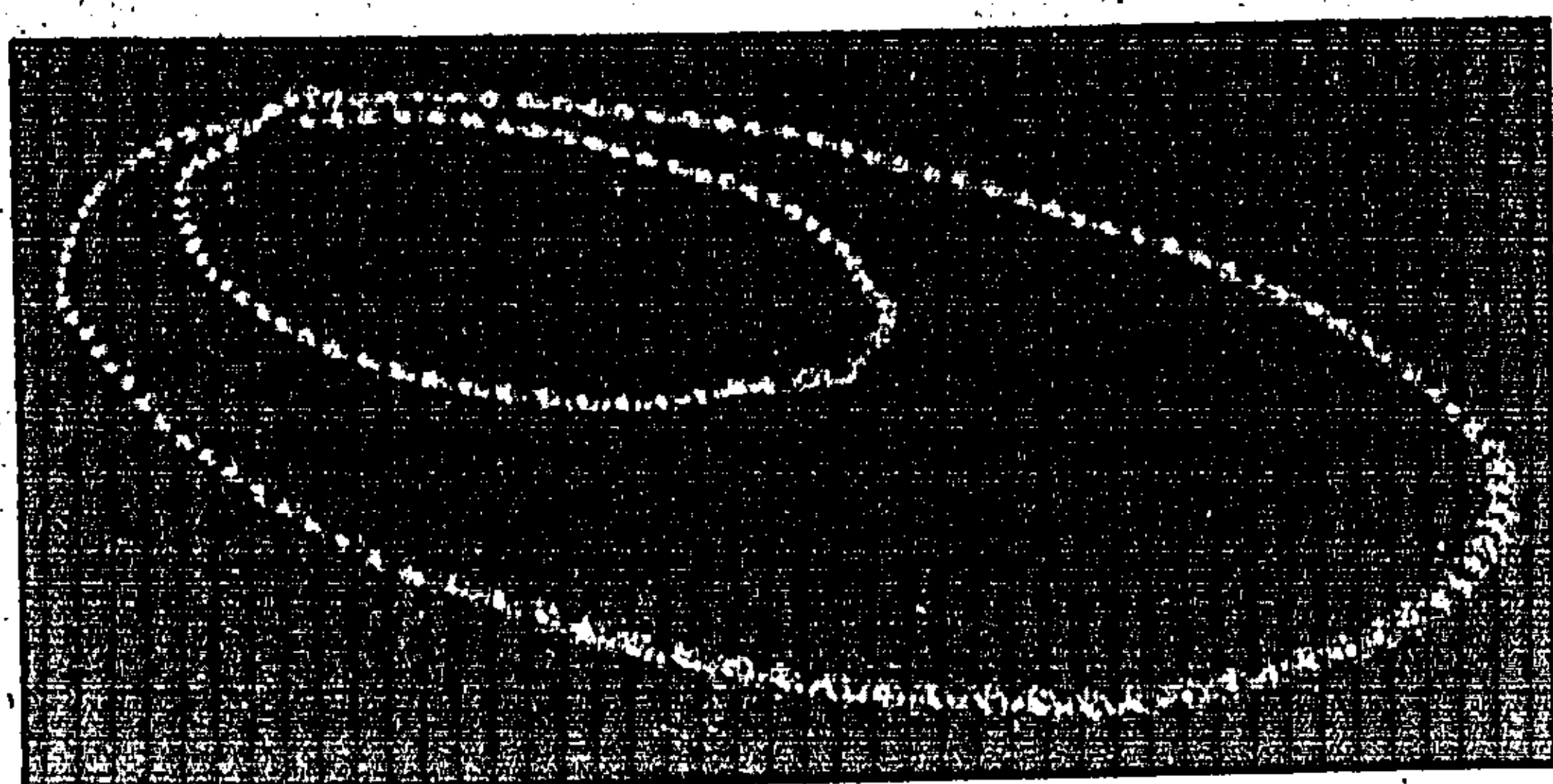
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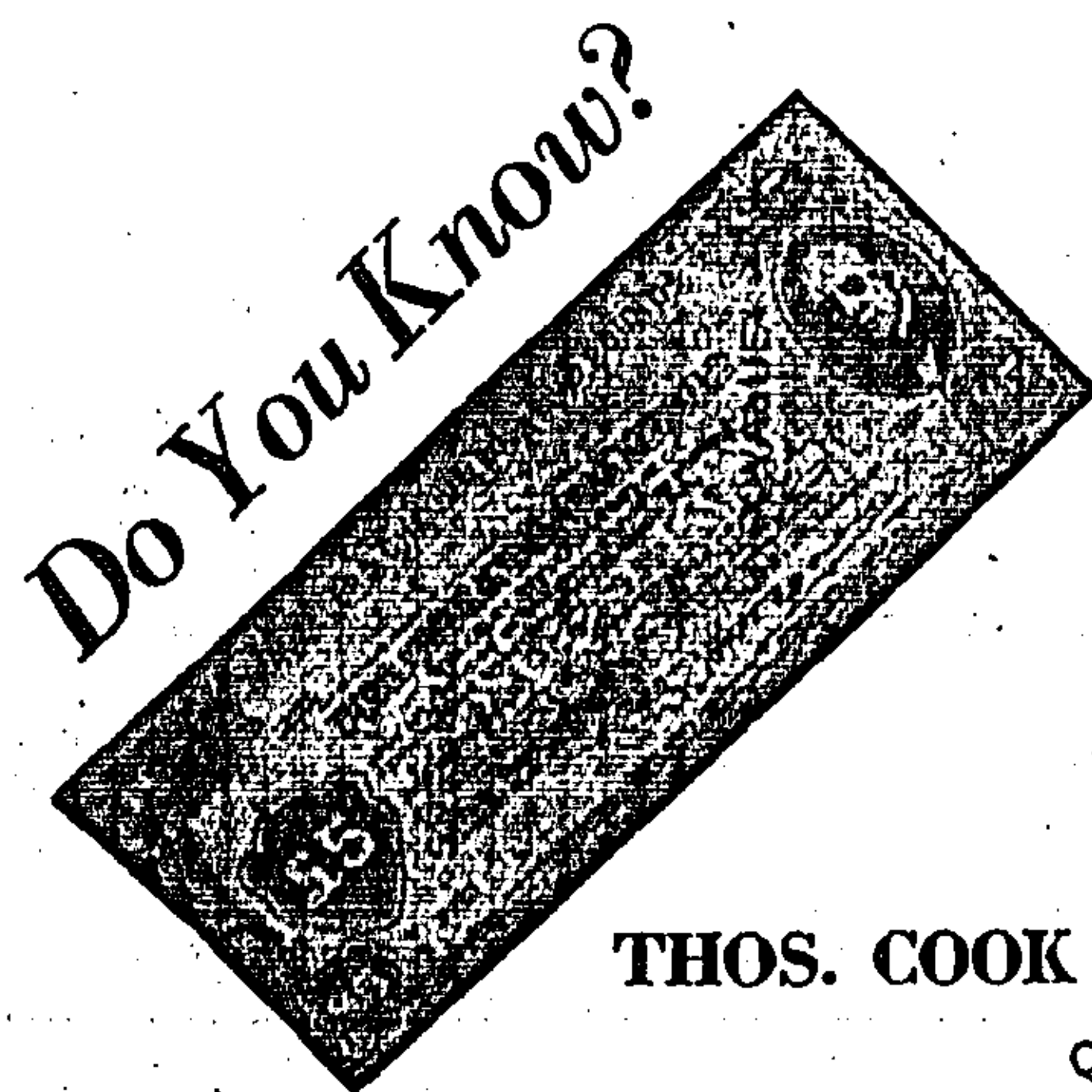
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BOOKS

Edited by Roger Pippett



The gift-book season has arrived, and here are jackets from some of the early comers.

THE CAMFORD VISITATION
By H. G. Wells
(Methuen, 2s.)

IF you had been in the university town of Camford this spring you might have heard and seen strange things. For, just about that time, a Voice made itself known in the sacred precincts of learning. A slightly metallic, very civil Voice—but merciless and inexorable.

I myself wasn't there to hear it. Neither, I fancy, were you. But Mr. Wells tells us all about it in this little story—his latest parable for the world and, incidentally, the fourth book we have had from him within a year. A hint to some of our hesitant younger writers? But, then, H. G. almost always has something to say.

Well, that Voice first spoke in the dining-room of Holy Innocents College. The Master was talking to some colleagues, denouncing a monstrous proposal for setting up schools in modern commercial and industrial history. The Early Greeks had got on beautifully without all that sort of crudity, and so could Camford. At which point the Voice said, very clearly and distinctly, "What do you mean by education?" It seemed to come from the carpet. But, when they lifted the carpet, there was nothing there. And then the Voice was heard by little Trumber, one of those donnish folk who play around in a genteel literary world and hate and detest "the self-educated errand-boy vulgarity of Shakespeare, Hardy or Dickens." The Voice didn't spare his feelings.

"What is this literature you are talking about?" it asked. "What in the name of time and the stars do you think you are doing here?" After which the Voice really got down to business, telling professors and deans what hopeless, helpless failures they were. "You realise neither the dangers nor the possibilities of human life. You fail to organise. You fail to educate."

Intelligence Barred

"In quite a little while now, in a few decades at most, it will be possible for any small body of desperate men to poison your whole atmosphere, sweep your planet with infections or blow you planet to pieces. You have will do nothing to anticipate and prevent that."

"When the catastrophe comes may be it will still find Camford dressed up in its gown and its Gothic, performing its age-old functions of keeping education within limits and obstructing the growth of any controlling intelligence in the world."

I shan't disclose the climax of this strange affair. Since it is to say that the Voice, which speaks in oddly familiar, Wellsian accents to the end, says its devastating say and leaves the university two clear alternatives—to stew in its complacent juice or to see What Can Be Done Before It Is Too Late.

The parable form perfectly suits the author's comminatory genius. Not a word is wasted. Individuals and types are sketched—and pilloried—with a few acid touches. The humour is deadly. The indictment mounts almost imperceptibly until, suddenly, mankind itself is up for judgment.

I should like to think this tale would lead all our universities—especially the older ones—to hold inquiries on themselves. Meanwhile, *The Camford Visitation* asks, in slightly metallic, very civil, inexorable accents, to be read.



KATRINA

By Sally Salminen
(Thornton Butterworth, 7s. 6d.)

HERE is a novel written by a kitchenmaid while she was working in the household of an American millionaire—a novel so good that Nobel Prizewinners Sigrid Undset and Selma Lagerlöf have sung its praises.

In my view, the author would deserve that praise even if the world were not so full of snobs that finding a servant to be artist did not arouse surprised comment. For she has a natural talent for storytelling—and she has used it to write about the things she knows.

Herself the daughter of a poor Finnish sailor and farmer, she tells us about just such a woman as her childhood neighbour might have been. Life on the Åland Islands is not easy, and Katrina, married to a shiftless hus-



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band, had a hard time. But she also had courage and integrity.

She and her children worked on the land while her irresponsible mate was at sea. Existence was an incessant struggle with poverty and the elements. Yet it was a full and useful life, and, for all those tragic experiences and bitter disappointments, Katrina left me stimulated and admiring.

Sally Salminen obviously did not brood over her pet and pain. Remembering what was best in the land she had left, she has recorded it faithfully and joyfully here.

R. P.



"DANGLE"

HERE I LIE

By Alex. M. Thompson ("Dangle")
Introduction by Lord Snell
(Routledge, 15s.)

MY friend "Dangle" has written one of the liveliest and most entertaining autobiographies I have read for a long time.

Born in Germany seventy-six years ago—"through no fault of mine"—he went through the Paris Commune, became a Socialist in the old pioneer days, drifted into journalism, saw France, Belgium, Stockholm, Petrograd and Moscow during and after the Great War, served under Northcliffe, became a playwright and now, in his ripe old age, ends up where he began, a convinced Socialist.

A life like this cannot help being full of vivid memories and striking personalities. There is, for instance, that Socialist function in Manchester in the early days when Sanger's circus sent a lion cub, which Katherine Conway named "Dangle" by pouring over its reluctant head a bottle of champagne.

There is William Morris—"a giant of a man with a head of naturally clustered curls . . . with the breezy air and even the rolling gait of a Viking."

Then there is H. M. Hyndman, the frock-coated and silk-hatted stockbroker, a long-bearded county cricketeer like W. G. Grace, standing on soap-boxes and selling Justice, the old Socialist weekly paper, in the Strand. And Keir Hardie, "in his light brown trousers, his short blue cloth jacket, his purple muffler and his clump-soled boots."

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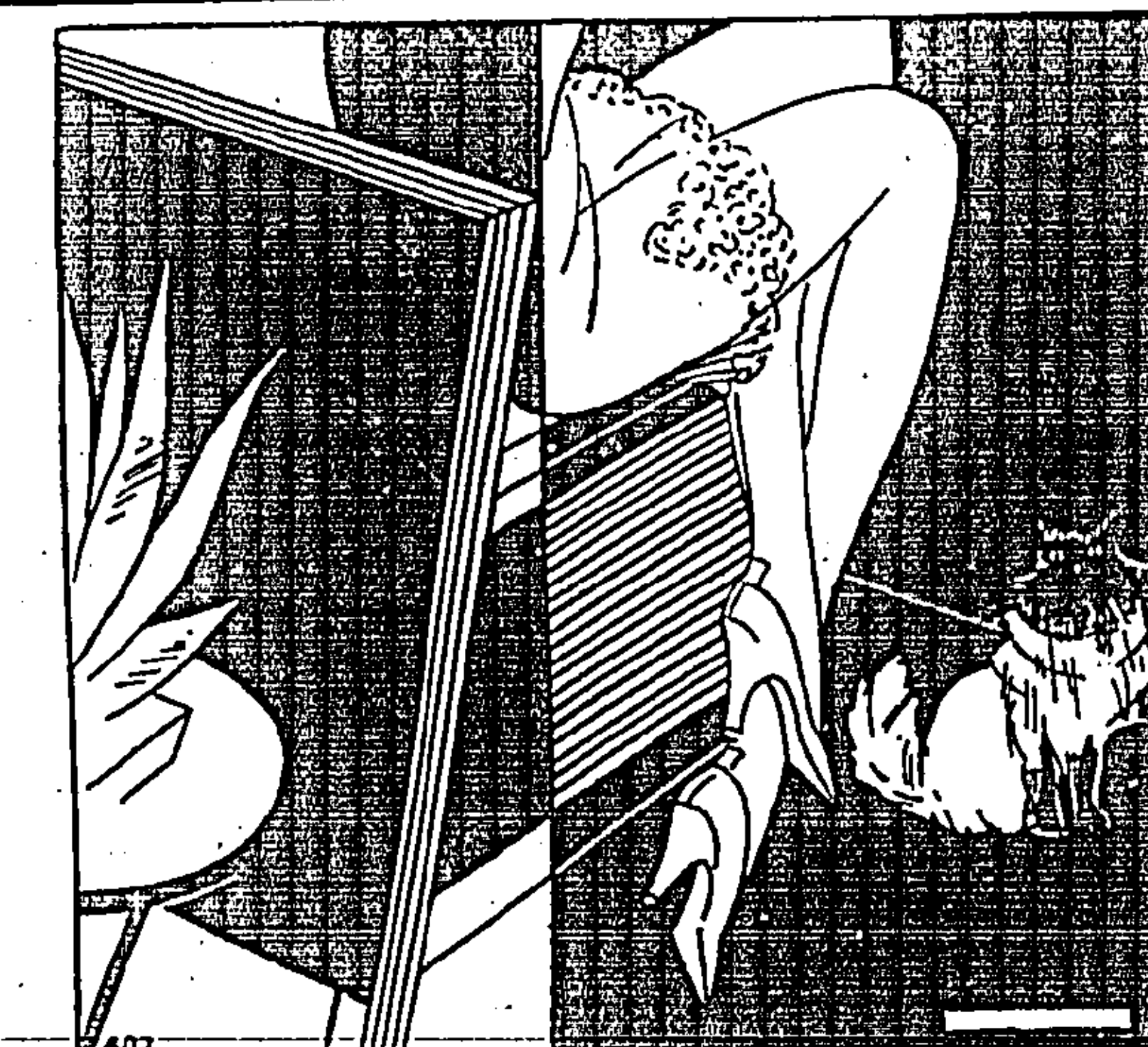
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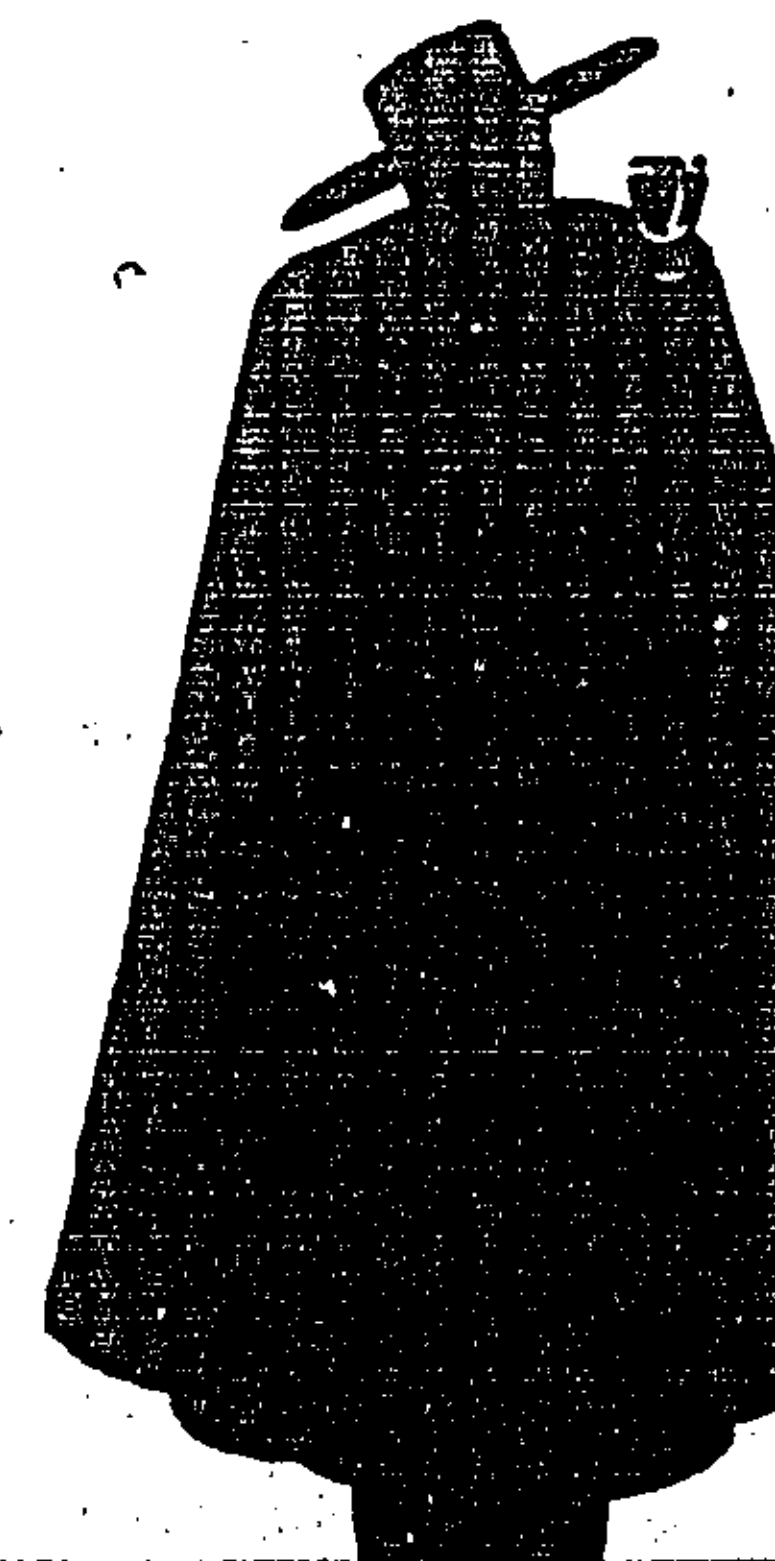
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"The Club de Recreio 'A' negotiated another stiff hurdle in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League last evening when they entertained University and won by six games to three after an interesting encounter.

But for the all-round strength of the Portuguese team, the game might have been very much closer. In P. K. Hui and Miss J. Choa the under-graduates had a pair who were just as good as any of the Recreio combinations. They proved this by winning two games, in fact they were also within striking distance of the third, but failed against M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, who are probably the best pair in local mixed doubles badminton at the moment.

Miss Choa's improvement is going apace and I feel sure that it will not be long before she takes her place among the front rank here. Her greatest weakness at present seems to be an over-fundness for the drop shot, which she has not yet perfected, but experience will soon teach her that admirable though this stroke is when well executed it is not the only winning one in badminton. She would do well to develop an all-round game.

The three University men, K. L. Yong, P. K. Hui and C. K. Lee found it difficult to score winners against the Recreio ladies; if they had had better support from their own partners, their chances of pulling off the game would have been considerably brighter. But, in fairness to them, it must be stated that except for Miss Choa, the other two lady "under-grads" were not playing up to scratch. Nevertheless, the standard of badminton was very high in patches.

ST. ANDREW'S SUCCESS

Thanks almost entirely to E. F. Fincher and Miss F. Wong, who won all their three games, St. Andrew's scored their second success of the season by beating Free Lances by the odd game. It was a fine performance in view of the fact that the Free Lances are recognised as one of the most formidable sides in the Mixed Doubles League. Fincher and Miss Wong won the games comfortably, but against J. L. Anderson and Miss Madge Griffiths, they only got through after "duces" had been called.

RECREIO "A" v. UNIVERSITY

Recreio "A" beat the University 6-3 in the mixed doubles of the Badminton League last night.

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva (Recreio) beat K. L. Yong and Miss D. N. Lin (Univ.) 2-1; P. K. Hui and Miss J. Choa 2-1; C. K. Lee and Miss J. Anderson 2-1.

J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro beat Yong and Miss Lin 2-1; Lee and Miss Anderson 2-1.

L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro lost to Yong and Miss Lin 2-1; Lee and Miss Anderson 2-1.

ST. ANDREW'S v. FREE LANCES

St. Andrew's beat Free Lances 3-4. E. F. Fincher and Mrs. F. Stokes (St. Andrew's) lost to J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Griffiths 2-1; Lee and Miss Anderson 2-1.

E. F. Fincher and Miss F. Wong beat Anderson and Miss Griffiths 2-1; Lee and Miss Anderson 2-1.

H. Kow and Miss M. Churn lost to Anderson and Miss Griffiths 2-1; Lee and Miss Anderson 2-1.

Fisher and Mrs. Clark 0-2; beat Harris and Miss McCaw 2-1.

LEAGUE TABLE

	Games	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Recreio "A"	3	3	0	0	23	4	0	6
Kowloon Tong	4	3	1	0	23	13	0	6
Free Lances	3	2	1	0	15	12	4	4
St. Andrew's	4	2	2	0	13	22	4	4
University	3	1	2	0	15	12	2	2
Recreio "B"	1	0	1	0	4	5	0	0
Talkoo	4	0	4	0	5	31	0	0

BASEBALL TO BECOME INTERNATIONAL

Series Arranged For World Title

St. Louis, Dec. 3. Plans for the first attempt in semi-professional baseball to establish an international title have been completed, with four countries—the United States, Cuba, Mexico and Canada—eligible for entry.

Completion of the schedules was announced recently by Raymond Dumont, president of the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress. Following a conference of semi-professional baseball executives in Louisville, the dates for the 1938 series were set as Sept. 6, 7, 8, 9. The series will be held in Louisville.

The team to represent the United States will be the winner of the national finals at Wichita, Kas., Aug. 12 to 24, Dumont said.

In addition to four countries already chosen for the 1938 series, England and Japan will be invited to participate in 1940, he said. The international champions will be guaranteed minimum cash awards of \$5,000 in addition to expenses, Dumont said.

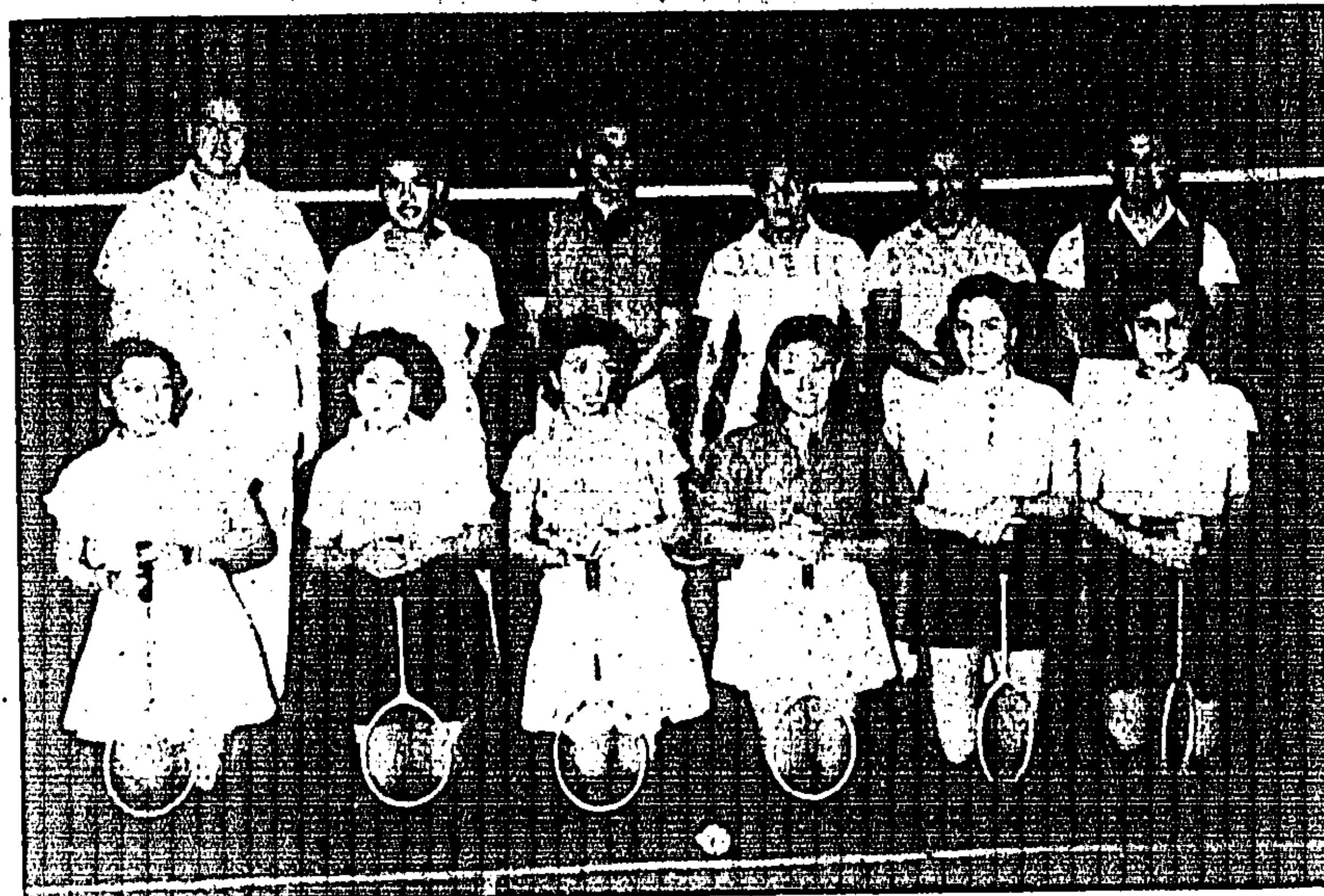
The series will be preceded by 708 district tournaments now being established throughout the United States. The winners will be eligible to compete in the 48 state meets.

National tournaments also are being sanctioned by the semi-pro organisation in Havana, Montreal and Monterey.—United Press.

TENNIS FINAL

The final of the Ladies Doubles Championship will be played at the United Services Recreation Club today, commencing at 3 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will attend, after which Lady Northcote will distribute the prizes.



Recreio "A" and University teams which were in opposition in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League last evening. Recreio won the encounter by six games to three. Back Row (left to right): Misses M. Silva, M. Ribeiro, O. Ribeiro, D. Lin, J. Anderson and J. Choa. Front Row (left to right): J. J. Remedios, P. K. Hui, L. A. Carvalho, K. L. Yong, M. A. Oliveira and C. K. Lee. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

FUSILIER SUCCEEDS IN CLOSE FIGHT

"CROONER" DAVIS DEFEATS AMERICAN MARINE

Shanghai, Dec. 4.

While an excited crowd anxiously stood around for a full three minutes after the main event ended, Herbie Gallop, third judge of the final battle between Crooner Davis and Pudgy Stoppa handed in his card to award the decision in favour of the Welsh Fusilier, following one of the closest fistic battles the Canidrome has ever seen. Eight rounds of toe-to-toe fighting saw the badly cut Stoppa finally vanquished, although it was not until the judges had passed their decision that the audience knew who was the victor.

Crooner Davis won his fight at the start. Pudgy was coming in fast during the latter stages and it can safely be said that had there been two more rounds, honours would have gone to him. As it was, his partisans loudly showed their opinion of the decision.

Once again the boxing sponsors showed their worth in Shanghai. With the single exception of the semi-final, each fight was packed with thrills and excitement. In each case the fighters were out to win. From the very beginning, when a plucky little Frenchman, San Marco of the French Army, outsluggered Tommy Moore of the Fourth Marines, the crowd saw the kind of bouts they like to see.

RUSSIAN KNOCKED OUT

That fight just before the intermission saw the two jumbos of their corners, spar around for only one minute, and then "Sluggo" Jones hit Lojnikoff with a stunning right that slammed the Russian to the floor. Lojnikoff is nobody's fool as a boxer but that punch was too much for him.

Sluggo Jones came into the limelight once more towards the end of the evening. Prior to the main event, Gussaroff, the announcer, made known to the assemblage Sluggo's latest bid for fame—a challenge to fight the winner of the main event, now Crooner Davis.

The French Army were well represented last night as three of their men came out triumphantly. In a bout where San Marco swung and swung again wildly, he managed to connect a sufficient number of times to win. That first round put the crowd in good humour for they saw two fighters out to do their best.

P. O. Kelley, H.M.S. Folkestone, and Legregelos, of the French Army, fought out to a draw. Here again, there were three to win, showing a knowledge of boxing that was not hampered by too much defence. Defence did not seem to exist for them. The opening of the first round found them in there, trading blow for blow. They threw easily. But that did not deter them and until the very last minute they gave all they had.

THE "TIGER" WINS AGAIN

Tiger Ussoff's driving attack steadily told on Killer Kublak as the Russian hammered at his opponent for six rounds to win by a decision. A slow first canto, and then both warmed up. They held steady for three more rounds. It was in the latter stages of the fight that the Tiger told on the Marine.

The semi-final was a disappointment. Harry Owens and Gravitky are both good and fast boxers, and that seemed to be their handicap. As they rushed to meet each other, both were on their defence, with the result that the fight was spent more in each other's arms than anything else. Owens finally managed to break away in the last two rounds, connected most of his hard rights, and left no doubt as to who was the winner.

After a slow start in the first round Crooner Davis stepped into Stoppa with three jolting blows, the first hard hitting of the main event. It seemed to be a signal for what followed, and as the two jumped out of their corners for the second canto,

Davis once again ran a smashing right to Stoppa, drawing first blood with a cut above the eye. "Pudgy" retaliated, driving Davis to the ropes but the Fusilier hesitated for only a moment before returning the onslaught.

CUT BOTHERS STOPPA

That cut eye bothered Stoppa in the third round, more so as Davis was aiming for it. Davis rushed Stoppa, connected with several straight-blows only to be jolted in return.

Stoppa seemed to like the ropes, for in the fourth round he several times resorted to the manoeuvre of crashing Davis there. But the Fusilier had his own in the middle of the ring, time and again landing blows that counted for the decision.

Stoppa tried to drive Davis, unsuccessfully in the sixth. Just as it seemed as if the Marine was beginning to have the edge, Davis changed his tactics. He fell back, stopped short, whizzed an uppercut at Stoppa and Stoppa landed with those hefty blows more than once.

The last two rounds found the Marine driving in again. He slammed into Davis, but the latter was cautious. Davis towards the end weakened, yet Stoppa's rally in the last round was not sufficient to win the fight.

Fights at a Glance

MAIN EVENT
Davis (Fusiliers 150 lb.) outpointed Stoppa (6th Marines 150 lb.).

SEMI-FINAL
Owens (Fusiliers 150 lb.) outpointed Gravitky (Shanghai 150 lb.).

SPECIAL EVENT
"Sluggo" Jones (4th Marines 147 lb.) knocked out Lojnikoff (Shanghai 145 lb.).

PRELIMINARIES
Ussoff (Shanghai 170 lb.) outpointed Kublak (6th Marines 170 lb.).

Kid Paul (French Army 130 lb.) outpointed Powell (Fusiliers 130 lb.).

Kelly (H.M.S. Folkestone 130 lb.) drew with Legregelos (French Army 130 lb.).

San Marco (French Army) outpointed Moore (4th Marines 145 lb.).

Boxing Managers Suspended

London, Nov. 17.

The British Boxing Board of Control has announced the suspension of Bill Daly, the American manager of Maurice Strickland, Paul Damski, the German manager of Walter Neusel. Daly's suspension is up to and including Dec. 11, and Damski's until its expiration and no renewal will be granted until Damski has appeared before the stewards.

The action is a sequel to a scene between the two managers after the bout between Strickland and Neusel at Wembley on Oct. 19. Except for the disappointing display of Tiny Bostock against Pierre Louis, official flyweight champion of France, during twelve rounds at Liverpool, this

ANNUAL HOCKEY MATCH

Civilians Clash With Services

(By "The Pilgrim")

Everything is set for the annual hockey match to-morrow between the Civilians and the United Services. The sides, which appear on paper to be evenly-matched, will clash on the Club ground, King's Park, at 3.30 p.m.

Looking over the services team, I find that the selectors have chosen their best eleven. Taking for granted that the Civilians will turn out the team as suggested in my notes last Thursday—I hope these left out last night—Brown, Reed and Malik, will have a tough time trying to check the fast Services' attack. With the exception of Partaub (Kumaon Rifles), the rest of the forwards are from the Rajputana Regiment and will be led by Pritham Nath. The left flank, with Gopal Ram and Partaub, is fast and nippy, and Brown and Guest in particular will have their hands full.

The defences of both sides are well-matched, but I am inclined to think that, should the Civilians concentrate more on the right flank, with Gurbachan Singh and S. Fowler, the Services' left defence, with Spencer and Swanson, may collapse under pressure.

The Civilians' attack is a dangerous one and in Pyara Singh they have a fine leader. Bond and Pinto, the left wing combination, will have to give of their best to overcome Ray and Wallace.

GOOD GAME EXPECTED

The game should be fast and interesting. If the Civilians' wing men Fowler and Bond are in form, I predict a victory for them.

I am glad to hear that the selectors have matched—should the game end in a draw—that ten minutes' each way extra time will be played.

The following Civilians are requested to turn out at 3.15 p.m., sharp in white shirts and shorts, with dark blue and white ringed stockings: Ramzan (K.I.T.C.), Guest (Radio), Goswami (Recreio), Gonsalves (Recreio), Brown (Police), Reed (Club), Malik (K.I.T.C.), Marques (Recreio), Fowler (Club), Kous (Y.M.C.A.), G. Singh (Radio), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), C. Wall (Police), Bond (Club) and Pinto (K.I.T.C.).

The Combined Services will be represented by the following:

MacBride (Navy); Wallace (R.A.F.) and Swanson (R.E.); Ray (R.E.), Land (R.E.), and Spencer (Navy); Shah Wall (Rajputs), Sawal Khan (Rajputs), Pritham Nath (Rajputs), Gopal Ram (Rajputs) and Partaub (Kumaons).

They will play in red shirts and blue shorts, with black and red ringed stockings if possible.

Capt. G. W. P. Kimm (Army) and K. Hussain (Civilians) will control the game.

There has been a quiet week in the boxing world. Tommy Farr's protégé, Mog Mason, Welsh bantamweight, sails from Southampton for Canada on Wednesday. He will meet Baby Yack, a rated American bantamweight, and also another well-known fighter before Christmas.

Farr himself has been doing some light training and his trainer, Tom Evans, says that he is little more than two pounds over his best weight.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL BACK TO NORMAL FULL PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK-END

(By "Abe")

League football returns to normal this week-end with a full programme of matches in every division. Five senior games will be played altogether, three this afternoon and two to-morrow; the full quota has also been arranged for the junior sections of the League.

Unless the Police are able to spring a surprise, it does not look as if South China "B" will lose their advantage in the First Division over the week-end. The Caroline Hill players are down to meet the guardians of the peace to-day on their home ground and probably need only to produce normal form to collect the points. I personally doubt very much if the Police can score enough goals to win; but of course a draw is not out of the question. When the teams first met this season, the League leaders were held to 1-1, principally through the fine defensive play of Pile, Bone and Manning. The Police attack will have to improve considerably if they are to get anywhere near the points to-day.

Middlesex and Club clash at Soerhoe. The military side won comfortably in the first match, and it looks as if they are to collect another two points this afternoon. The Club side is definitely weak these days. The meeting of Kowloon and Seaford should produce some good football, and as the game will be played on the K.F.C. ground, the Peninsula men should be able to hold their own in spite of the fact that the Scots are in the form at the present moment.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES

Chief attraction to-morrow will be the Eastern-South China "A" tie, which will be played at Causeway Bay. Those who watched the earlier meeting of these two teams this season had no reason to be pleased with the spirit in which the game was contested; there was too much unfair play and frayed tempers were too often in evidence. It is to be hoped that the players in this encounter to-morrow will forget what happened in the other match, and settle down to play good football. Both teams are fully capable of serving up a good brand of it. The point is, will they do so?

The other match is that between St. Joseph's and Kowloon Chinese. It is possible that the Saints will take this opportunity of registering their second victory of the season. The Kowloon Chinese have yet to chalk up their first point, and unless they show better form to-morrow, it is not likely that they will do so this week-end.

TEAMS SELECTED

Kowloon.—Rowlands; Souza, A. Ulrich; Evans, Bliss, Connor; Conley, Jorge, D. Knox, V. White and Honnibal.

South China "B".—Tam Kwan-lam, Chung Fai-lam, Lau Mau, Leung In-chun, Lim Tak-pa, Chia Kam-hung, Yeung Shiu-yick, Tay Kwei-lung, Chan Tak-fai, Lau Chung-sang and Lee Shek-yau.

Police.—Manning; Bone, Pile; North, Gough, Brittain; Willerton.

Morrison, Johnston, Howlett and Taylor.

Eastern.—Sammy Tsang; Lo Wai-man, Kwok Ping-chong; Ng Tuk-wing, Tsang Chung-wan, Lo Wai-kuen; Chan Ping-to, Lee Tack-tee, and Hau Ching-to.

South China "A".—Choo Siang-hing; Man Siu-hon, Li Tin-sang; Leung Wing-chiu, Lau Hing-choi, Lee Kwok-wai; Tso Kwai-shing, Lai Shiu-wing, Fung King-cheung, Cheuk Shek-kam and Cheung Moon-wing.

MANILA TENNIS FINALS

Success Of F. Ampon

Manila, Dec. 4. Felicissimo Ampon, the "mighty mite" of national tennis sports, won the all Far Eastern finals in the 1937 National Junior tennis tournament yesterday evening by defeating his fellow team-mate, Juan Ladaw, Jr., 6-3 and 9-7. He was extended in the last set but his well-known ability to keep the ball going back at an opponent tells the ultimate story. He was just too steady.

Ampon had won his way into the finals with ease. He drew a bye first before defeating J. Chun or U.P. High, without the loss of a set. M. Kahanandling of Arellano High was next on the victim list, being able to garner but a lone game in the two-set match.

It had been expected that both of the Far Eastern luminaries would reach—the finals—and that Ampon would be the 1937 champion so the dope came out as expected. The finals had been delayed in order to let both of these young stars participate in the matches arranged while the German acts, Von Cramm, Henkel and Miss Horn were in Manila. Jose M. Barredo, vice-president of the PILTA, awarded the trophies after the final match had been played. Epifanio Jaban won the 1937 girls junior title and Felix Deyro the boys championship.

The trophy donated by secretary Jorge B. Vargas, and a medal, were won by Ampon by virtue of his victory.—Manila Bulletin.

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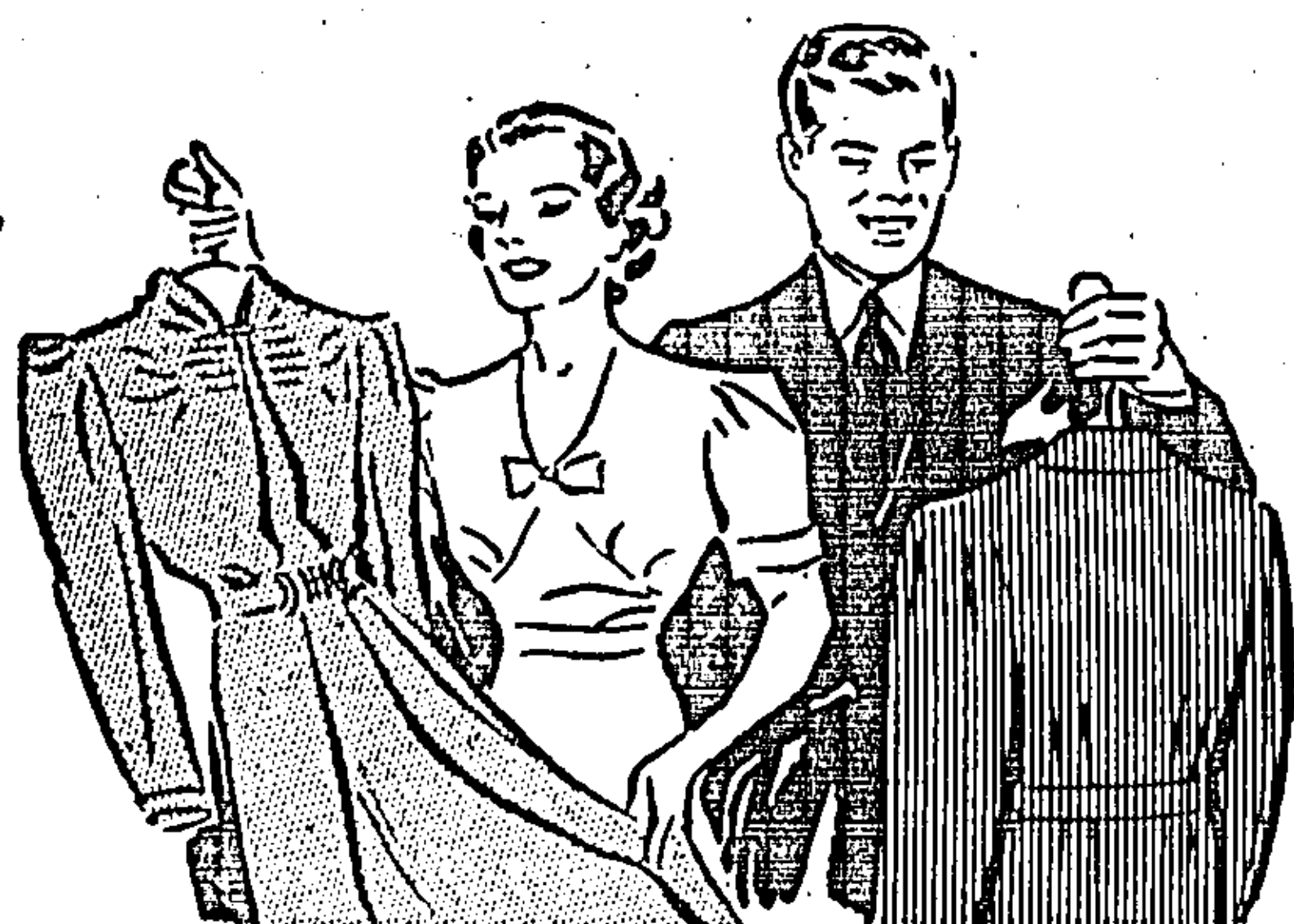


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England May Prefer Another S. African To Play At Back

By Leo Munro

WILL an Englishman play full-back for England this Rugby season? A successor to H. G. Owen-Smith must be found, unless our brilliant South African player decides, after all, to rejoin the fray.

That seems unlikely, though Owen-Smith is one of those invariably athletic people who can tune up at short notice.

The position, if vacated, may be hard to fill, though one could name a number of useful candidates.

West country folks have a strong fancy for R. A. Gerrard. The former international centre is now installed as Somerset county and Bath club full-back.

Playing well, too, with plenty of resource and dash. A bit uncertain perhaps in ground fielding on the Harlequins v. Bath match form. But there is time ahead for practice, and "Gerry" should be well in the running for an English trial, next month.

PREVIOUS "CONVERTS"

It would not be his first as full-back. And, supposing he won another cap in a fresh position, he would not be the first "convert" to hold the last line for England in modern times.

B. S. Cumberlege, for example, came out as a scrum-half. H. C. Catcheside, J. C. Hubbard, and R. C. W. Pickles were seasoned three-quarters.

It is possible that Gerrard may be regarded officially as a trifle short of great match experience at full-back. I should not be surprised if, barring accidents, South African succeeded South African for England—H. D. Freakes after Owen-Smith.

I wonder if Harlequin centre W. S. Kemble will have any luck in representative Rugby this season.

He can play either at centre or stand-off, and knows how to run straight. You would not call this

quality exactly common in recent seasons of international Rugby.

MISSING HIS BLUE

I mentioned Kemble and luck. He did not have a lot of that when he was up at Cambridge.

He received there the testimonials of being played at stand-off in this match, at centre in that. But he was not "settled in." He was a candidate for a "blue" two years running, missed it narrowly last season.

Now, as a Harlequin, he continues to oblige anywhere in mid-field when required.

There are people who maintain that Kemble would develop top-class as a stand-off if allowed to concentrate on that position.

REFEREE CONTRASTS

Players are held responsible for the success or otherwise of Rugby under its revised laws. Much more depends, in my opinion, on referees.

And still more depends on the personality of the referee. One man seldom stops a game, another seems to be whistling all afternoon.

I have seen both types this season, and I know which is preferred by players. He is the good fellow who keeps firm control, but "treats the troops" and does not necessarily pull them up for every petty irregularity.

His is usually a good-humoured match. We have, in contrast, the stickler, he-of-the-busy whistle, whose activities leave onlookers wondering—do players irritate referees, or do referees irritate players?

I cannot believe that grimly magisterial control comes within the intention of the laws. And, anyhow, when persistent infringements lead to persistent whistling—well, why isn't some one sent off the field?



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TATE AND SUSSEX CRICKET Case For The Committee

London, Nov. 6.

In view of the fact that the recent decision of Sussex County Cricket Club not to renew the engagement of Maurice Tate has evoked adverse criticism, Brigadier-General D'Arcy Brownlow (chairman) has put the case for the committee.

In reply to the contention that Tate should have been given longer notice, the chairman states that on August 3 last, at the request of the Selection Committee, he informed Tate that his re-engagement was not to be recommended and that unless casualties occurred his services would not be required for remaining matches.

"EXPRESSED HIS THANKS"

Commenting on that interview, the chairman says: "There was no possible misunderstanding and Tate, who left the room in a state of emotion, expressed his thanks for my timely information."

The chairman having urged, in a long and sympathetic statement, that the element of surprise could not exist in view of the fact that for the past season Tate had been on a yearly engagement, goes on to contend that "there is a vast difference between non-renewal of an agreement and 'sacking' or 'dismissal'."

The chairman adds that Sussex owed much to Tate, but that he, too, owed something to the county which brought him out and always treated him with the greatest consideration.

A SECRETARIAL LETTER

In a statement yesterday Tate, whose agreement expires next April, remembers the interview to which the Sussex chairman alludes, but reiterates that more than one member of the committee later assured him that he would be all right for another year.

Tate also referred to a letter received in the November of 1936 from Mr. W. L. Knowles, in which the Sussex secretary confirming his engagement for 1937 informed him that when his county career was finished his appointment as coach to the nursery would be favourably considered.

GLAMORGAN CRICKET CRISIS

More Support
Needed

Glamorgan County Cricket Club urgently need more support to enable the club to continue in the County Championship.

Last season was one of the most successful in the club's playing history, yet the accounts, which will be published shortly, show a loss of £1,300.

Records reveal that Glamorgan have the lowest season-ticket membership among County Clubs. And some of these clubs have had much poorer playing results than Glamorgan.

The club intends to make a push to increase the membership, and if they do not succeed the committee may have to consider some way of cutting their losses.

This could only mean one thing, the withdrawal of the club from the County Championship.

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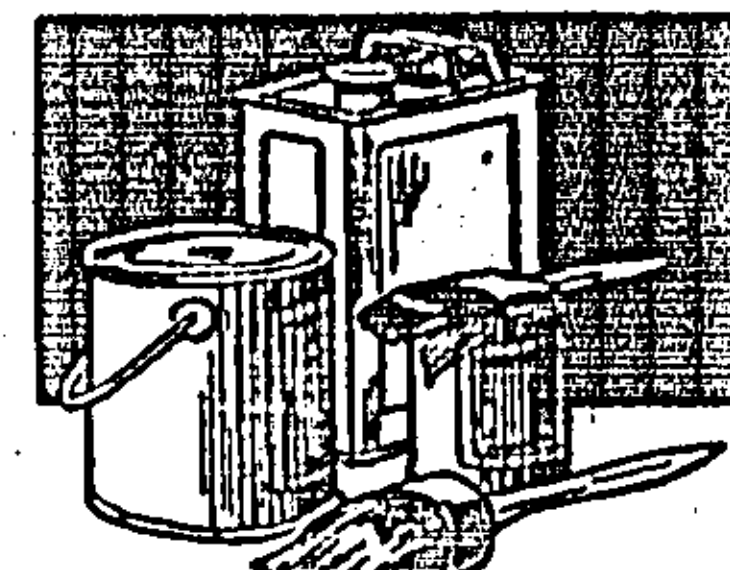
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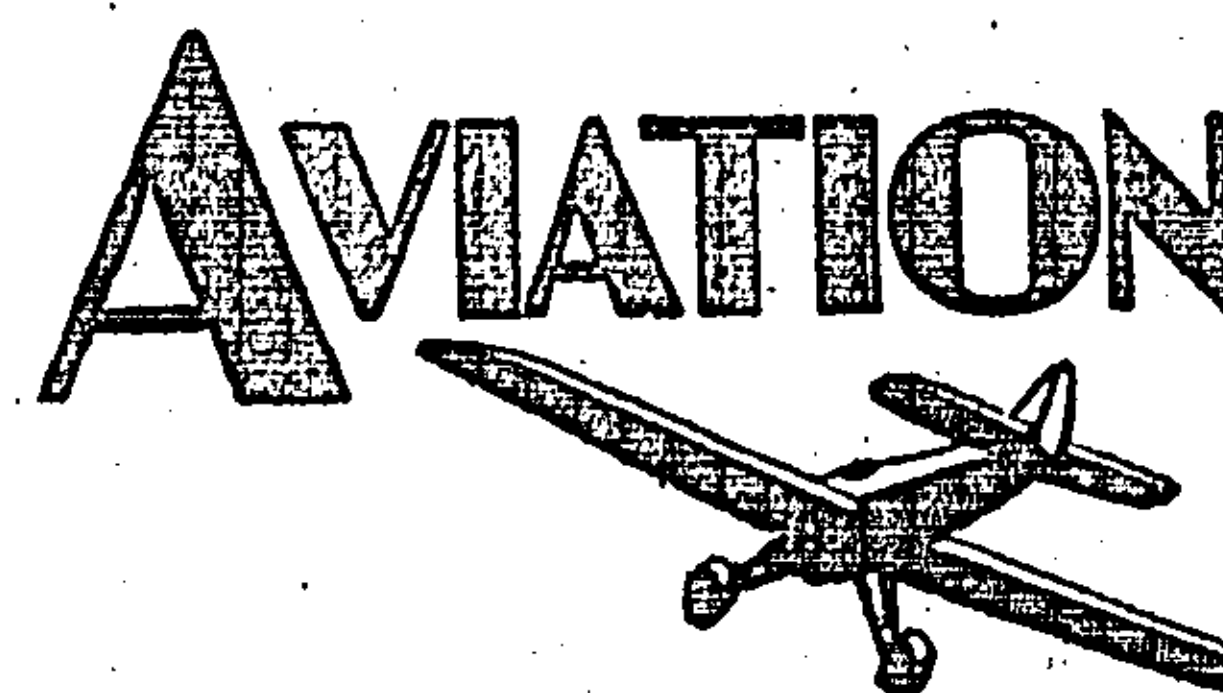
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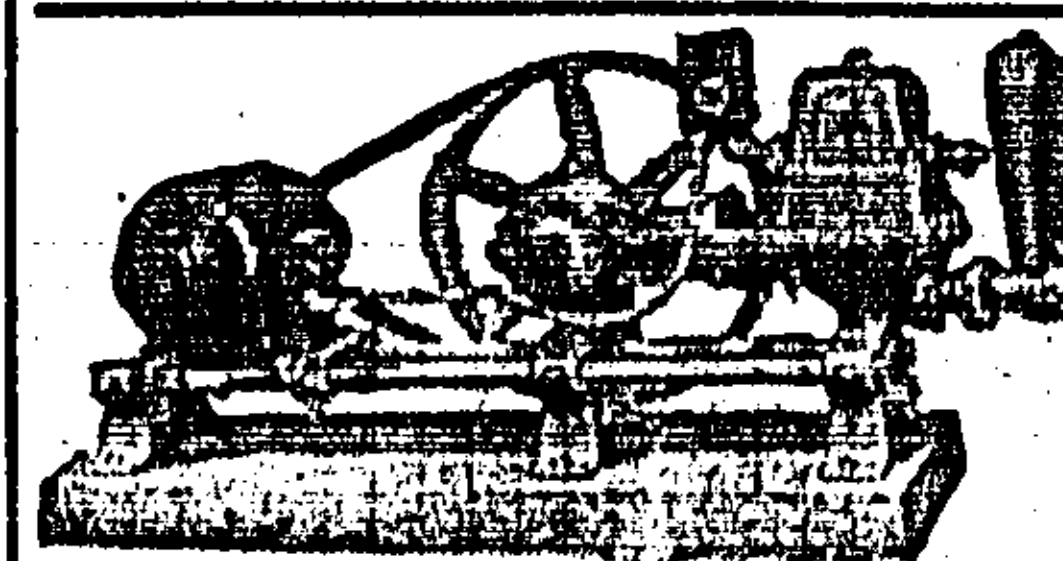
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WHEN A HARLEY-ST. MAN DENIES RESPONSIBILITY

MR. HORACE WINSBURY-WHITE, the Harley-street specialist, was asked in the King's Bench Division recently whether he agreed that a surgeon was in complete control of a private patient during the time that the patient was in a hospital.

"Not where I rely on the services of others in the hospital," he replied. "I hold that if I am not there I am not responsible for things that are done in my absence."

"Are you saying that if your visiting days are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, you are not responsible for what happens on Tuesdays and Thursdays?" Mr. Winsbury-White was asked.

"Yes," was the reply.

Mr. Winsbury-White is being sued by Mr. Arthur William Morris, sixty-one-year-old commercial traveller, of Goodmayes, Essex.

Mr. Morris claims damages for negligence, alleging that a drainage tube was left in his body for four months after an operation, and that, in consequence, his health had been ruined.

Mr. Winsbury-White, who is honorary surgeon to St. Paul's Hospital, Endell-street, W.C., operated on Mr. Morris in the hospital on December 18, 1933, for removal of the prostate gland. He denies negligence.

'GREATLY SHOCKED'

In evidence he said that on January 24, 1934, he told his doctor at the hospital to take out the drainage tube and see how Mr. Morris got on without it. On January 28, when he asked about the patient, the doctor said he had taken it out.

He saw the patient several times after that and never saw the tube in the wound.

In April there was a very strong complaint about the pain Mr. Morris had. He had him X-rayed, and the tube was discovered.

"It was an astonishing revelation to me," said Mr. Winsbury-White. "I was greatly shocked by it."

Mr. Winsbury-White said he considered that the tube owed its entry to the absence of a safety pin in it.

When after the tube was thought to have been removed it was considered necessary to continue drainage and insert another tube, it may have been pushed in on top of the first tube, which was not seen. That was a reasonable explanation.

The treatment involved using many tubes; there was no possibility of this one having been left in at the time of the operation.

Hunters Roam North Carolina

Raleigh, N. C. Thousands of hunters, from North Carolina and many parts of the nation, went into action this month as the state's game and bird season began in earnest with opening of periods on deer, bear, squirrel, opossum and raccoon.

Classes For Road Offenders

Berlin. Classes for road offenders are among Germany's latest plans for reducing accidents.

Police are to be given power to order offenders to attend with their cars at police headquarters for purposes of instruction. The classes are to take place on Sunday mornings to minimise waste of official time.

This innovation is one of several to be enforced with the New Year. They include:

Passengers on Lorries.—This is a frequent cause of accident and is only to be allowed in future by special police permit.

Bicycles.—In addition to the red reflector on the back bicycles are to have yellow reflectors attached to the pedals. Cyclists are not to ride two abreast in towns.

Men on the March.—Frequently the victims of accidents. Detachments are to be preceded at night by a man with a white lantern and followed by a man with a red one.

Major Road Halls.—The British practice of obliging cars entering a main road from a side road to halt before making the turn has been adopted.

Slow Vehicles.—The slower the vehicle the nearer it must keep to the kerb.

Pedestrians.—It will be a punishable offence for pedestrians to "endanger traffic." Crossing the road against an amber light will be punishable under this rule.

The number of deaths from road accidents was 8,388 for 2,474,481 motor vehicles in the year 1936. For the first six months of 1937 the deaths were 3,437, so that a reduction in the total is expected at the end of the year.



These two sweet girls are sisters to Freddie Bartholomew, the English boy film actor. Ellen, aged 17, and Hilda, aged 15, who have started their film career at Hollywood.

Play Football In Comotery

Ashtabula, O. Township trustees hope that their complaint to parents against boys playing football in Edgewood cemetery will be as effective as an earlier protest that golf was being played over the graves.

Baker Enrolls More

Baldwin, Kas. Baker University here reported a 10 per cent. increase in the freshman class and an approximate 6 per cent. increase in the entire school at the end of the first week in its 80th year of existence.

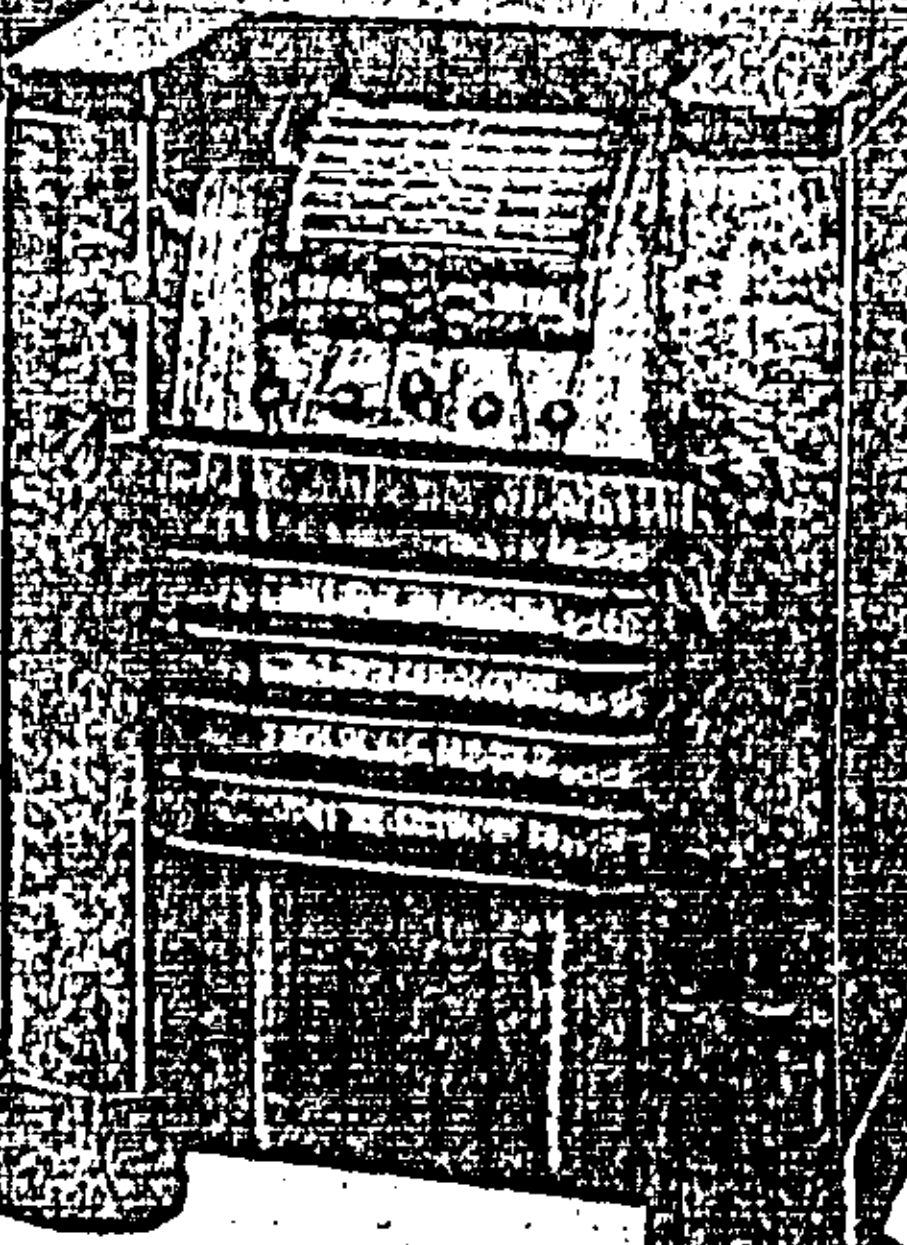
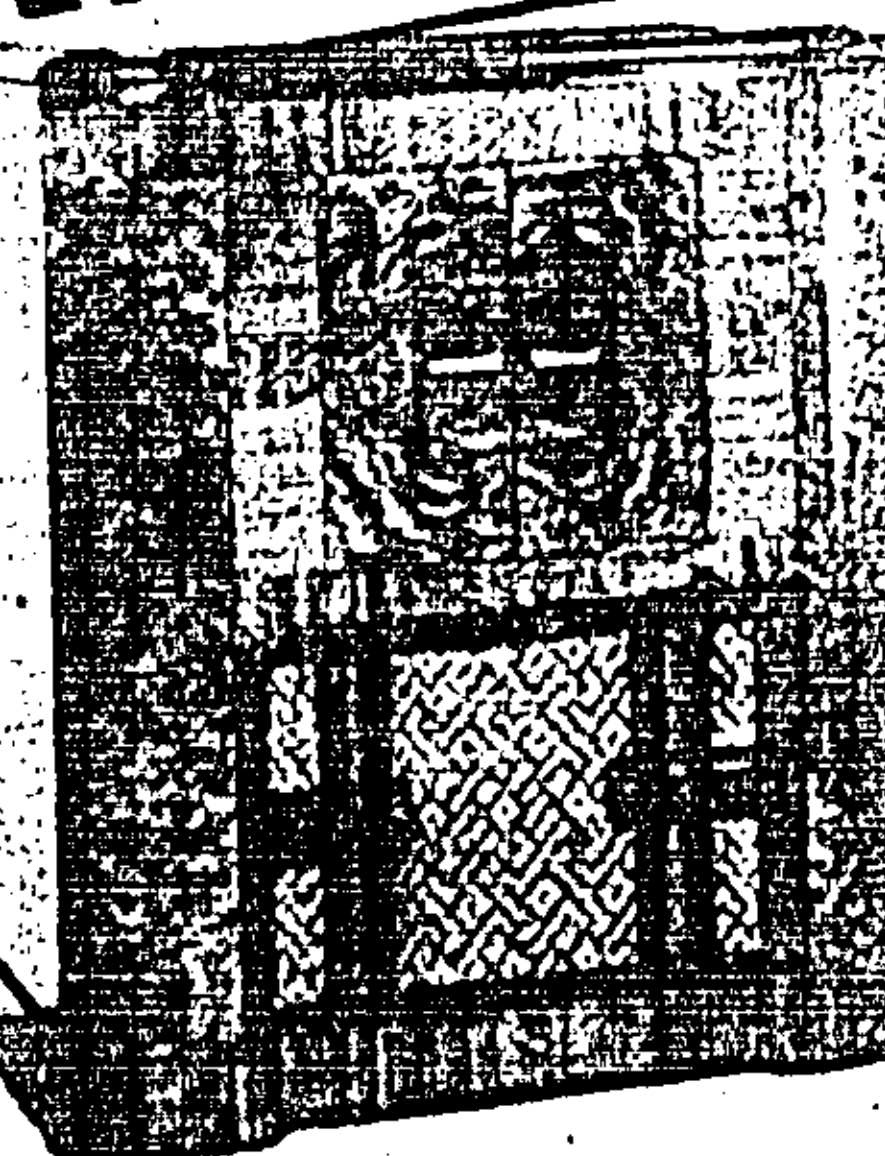
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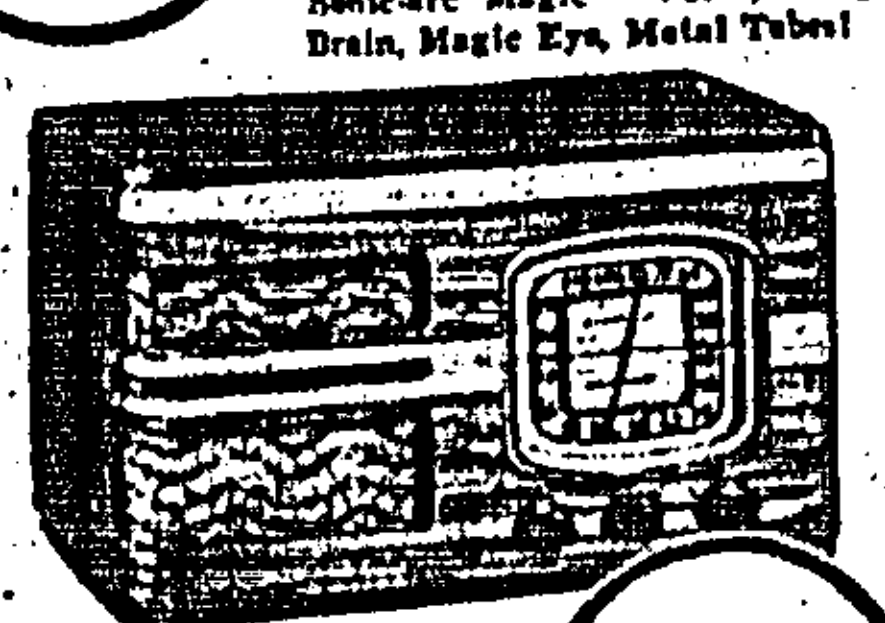
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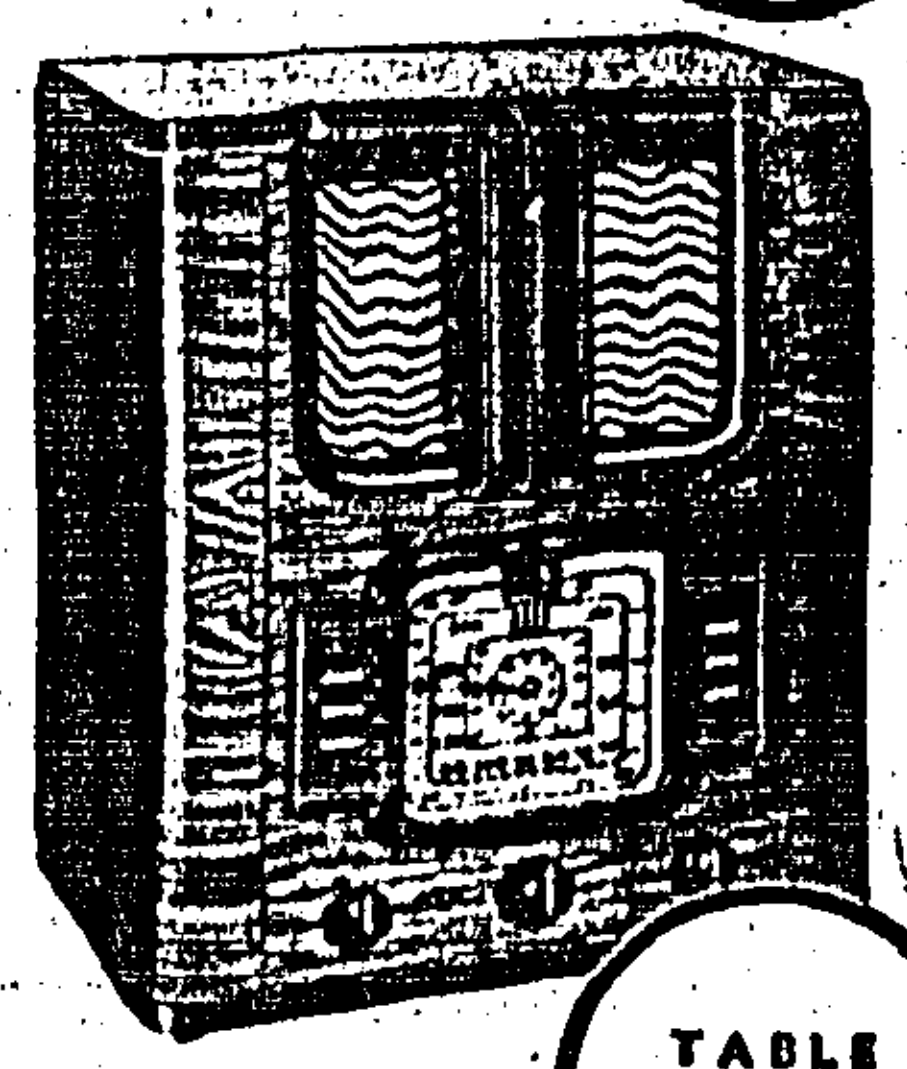


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Competition In Election Ruled Out

But Russia Getting All Worked Up

Moscow, Dec. 10. Public excitement is being worked up for the elections to the first Soviet Parliament on December 12. The original expectation that there would be a party fight has been destroyed by the announcement that there will only be one candidate for each constituency. There are 1,143 seats to be filled.

An election meeting here to-day addressed by M. Molotov, Chairman of the People's Commissars, was marked by a warning for Stalin and Molotov, who, explaining the new electoral system, said that only 2,000,000 Communists belonged to the Soviet party, with 500,000 "sympathisers".

Over 90,000,000 electors outside the Communist Party would go to the polls, but the Communist election banner called for the creation of a "unanimous election bloc of Communists with non-party workers, non-party peasants, non-party employees and non-party intelligentsia." Reuter Special.

WINDFALL FOR TIN MINERS

QUOTA ARREARS ARE DIVIDED

London, Dec. 10. The tin quota for the first quarter of 1938 has been fixed at 70 per cent., but Bolivia, Belgian Congo and Indo-China have agreed to surrender their arrears, plus a certain additional tonnage up to approximately 11,500 tons, in the total for 1938. The tonnage surrendered will be divided between the Netherlands-Indies, Malaya and Nigeria proportionately to their standard of tonnages.

This arrangement will enable these countries to export at a rate of approximately 11,500 tons in the total for 1938. The tonnage surrendered will be divided between the Netherlands-Indies, Malaya and Nigeria proportionately to their standard of tonnages.

This arrangement will enable these countries to export at a rate of approximately 80 per cent., while the quota remains at 70 per cent.

The next meeting of the International Tin Committee will be held at The Hague on February 18, 1938. Reuter.

State Railways May Be U.S. Development

Washington, Dec. 10. President F. D. Roosevelt declared at a press conference to-day that while they wanted to avoid Government ownership of the railways, steps must be taken to adjust their financial condition.

He reminded his hearers that real receiverships could not continue without such steps, therefore they desired prompt decisions on the freight rates questions.

The President revealed that he had discussed loans, but they would be small and would be temporarily made pending the outcome of the freight rates case.

President Roosevelt was of the opinion that an Inter-State Commerce Commission should originate the management and ownership of railways.—Reuter.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Dec. 10. The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter:

New York Cotton		
	Opening	Closing
Dec.	8.05/04	8.04/04
Jan.	8.04/02	8.04/04
March	8.08/09	8.12/12
May	8.13/13	8.14/15
July	8.16/17	8.17/17
Oct.	8.22/21	8.22/22
Spot		8.22

The First Notice Day for January Cotton is Dec. 27 and the Delivery Date Jan. 3.

New York Rubber		
Dec.	15.75/79	15.82/72
March	15.00/02	15.33/04
May	16.03/06	15.90/04
Sept.	16.15/15	16.00/00
Sales for the day	—1,120 tons.	

The last Notice Day for December Rubber is Dec. 29.

Chicago Wheat		
Dec.	93 1/4/93	95 1/2/95 1/2
May	97 1/4/97	92 1/2/92 1/2
July	87 1/4/87	86 1/4/86 1/4

Thursday's Sales:—

27,526,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

Dec.	58 1/2/58 1/2	55 1/2/55 1/2
May	59 1/2/59 1/2	58 1/2/58 1/2
July	59 1/2/59 1/2	59 1/2/59 1/2

The last Notice Day for December Grains is Dec. 30.

Winnipeg Wheat

Dec.	120 1/2/120 1/2	115 1/2/115 1/2
May	115 1/2/115 1/2	111 1/2/111 1/2
July		

H.K.N.V.F. Wins Rifle Shoot

Still Unbeaten On Miniature Range

Officers of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force competed with two teams from the Middlesex Regiment yesterday afternoon on the miniature range aboard H.M.S. Ashby, and preserved their undefeated record, though marksmanship was not of a consistently high quality.

H.K.N.V.F. Team		
Colour-Sgt. Colburne	75 Lt. Grenham	62
Sgt. Bedward	41 Sur. Lt. Mackle	85
Sgt. Brayford	48 Sub. Lt. Ashby	55
Private Cox	47 Lt. Vernal	65
	201	267

Middlesex "B" Team		
Lt. Carney	60 Lt. Grenham	50
Private Noble	49 Sur. Lt. Mackle	69
Private Stiles	73 Sub. Lt. Ashby	80
Private Tever	34 Lt. Vernal	68
	216	273

Two Admirals Leaving S'hai

Sir Charles Little Believed On Way To Hongkong

Shanghai, Dec. 11. Shanghai is losing two Admirals within three days, for Admiral Sir Charles Little sailed for the south this morning aboard H.M.S. Falmouth, while Admiral Harry Yarnell of the United States Asiatic Fleet is leaving for Manila on December 14.

With the departure of the Falmouth the only British warship left is H.M.S. Folkestone.

Although the destination of the Falmouth is not divulged, it is reported that Admiral Little is bound for Hongkong. The date of his return to Shanghai is uncertain, but it is expected to be before April.

Admiral Yarnell's time of return is also uncertain, but in the event of no major emergency demanding his presence, it is understood he will not be back before the Spring.—Reuter.

French Police Arrest Modern Blue Beard

German Confesses To Five Murders

Paris, Dec. 9. George Weidmann, a German engineer, has confessed to the murder of five persons, including a 20-year-old dancer named Jean Dekoven, of Brooklyn, New York.

While questioning Weidmann at the ancient Versailles Prison, detectives were amazed at the calm and methodical revelations, and dubbed him "the new Blue Beard."

After being questioned for thirteen hours, Weidmann said his livelihood was earned by means of murder. He killed Miss Dekoven and robbed her of \$24 cash and \$500 in travellers' cheques. Other victims were Raymond Le Sobre, lease agent, Roger Le Blond, Arthur Frommer, a German, and Jean Couffy, chauffeur.

Weidmann further admitted that Miss Dekoven and at least one other were buried in a "murder villa" in an isolated and exclusive district of country estates behind Napoleon's "Mal Malson" castle, which he gave to Josephine in suburban Lavoulzie.

The Police later found the bodies of Miss Dekoven and Frommer. The former was strangled and the latter shot. The Police announced they are seeking an accomplice and hoped to make an arrest shortly. It is said Miss Dekoven was the first victim.

The arrest of the murderer was due to his forgetting to take away a calling card bearing the name "Herr Schott" from Le Sobre's body. The Police traced Schott, who recalled he gave it to Weidmann.

The Police are reported to be holding a buxom blonde and a sheldish, suave man, who are suspected to have been Weidmann's lures. It is expected the Police will announce a formal arrest soon.—United Press.

LANDON WON'T RUN AGAIN

Washington, Dec. 10. Mr. Alfred Landon, former Governor of Kansas, who unsuccessfully contested the last Presidential election, stated that he would not be a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 1940. He would not accept the nomination if it were offered him, he said.

Governor Landon was Republican nominee in the 1936 election and was heavily defeated by President Roosevelt.—Reuter.

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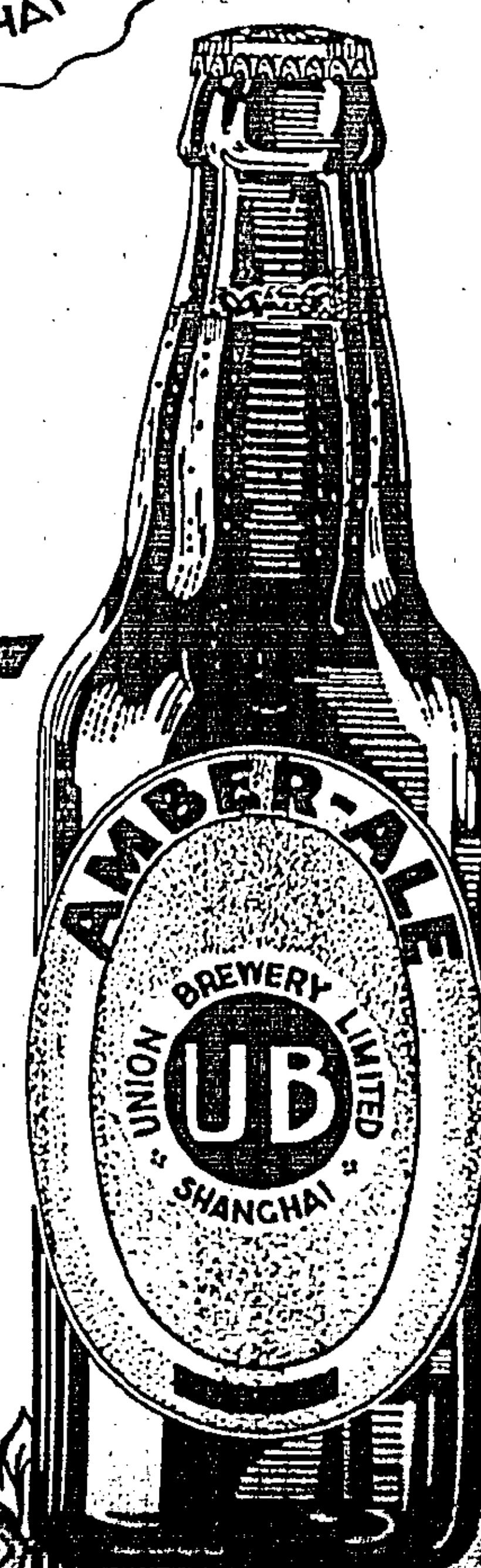
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DIED FROM WOUNDS

Man Believed To Have Stabbed Himself

An inquiry into the death of Ko Pak-yue, 41, salesman of the Fuk Cheong poultry dealers, who was alleged to have stabbed himself to death at No. 10 Western Street, first floor, on November 10, was held at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, who sat as Coroner. A Jury was empanelled, and comprised Messrs. P. H. Suckling (Foreman), S. M. Gidley and W. L. L. Barker. Detective-Inspector M. Murphy appeared for the police.

Dr. Lien Tsong-kya, medical officer attached to Queen Mary Hospital, said deceased was admitted to the hospital at 2 p.m. on November 10. Witness saw him five minutes after admission and found him to be suffering from multiple stab wounds on the upper abdomen. Deceased was unable to speak, and his breath smelt strongly of liquor. His wounds were bleeding, and witness decided to operate. The operation was commenced at 2.35 p.m. but deceased failed to survive.

Witness performed a post mortem examination the next day, and found deceased to have 21 stab wounds on his body. Twelve of the wounds had actually penetrated the liver substance, and there was one wound that went through the stomach. As witness had smelt liquor in deceased's breath, he sent the stomach contents for analysis. Death was due to shock following wounds in the liver and stomach. The wounds were most likely self-inflicted, and could have been caused by a sharp instrument such as the pair of scissors produced in Court.

ALCOHOL FOUND

Mr. V. C. Branson, Government Analyst, said he examined the contents of deceased's stomach, and found alcohol present to the extent of one-eighth of a fluid ounce of absolute alcohol. Witness also examined the contents of a bottle handed him by the police which was stated to have been found in a cubicle at No. 10 Western Street, first floor, and found it to be sweet Chinese wine containing approximately 37 per cent. of alcohol. No poison could be detected in either the stomach contents or the wine.

Ko Hui-shing, elder brother of deceased, said deceased was employed as a weigher at the poultry dealers. He kept a woman whom witness knew as Sam Koo, who had two daughters by a previous marriage. Witness seldom visited the couple, but as far as he knew, there was no trouble between them. Deceased took about 40 cents worth of Chinese wine per day, but witness had seldom seen him drunk. He was ill now and again, but did not appear to worry over his illness.

The hearing was adjourned at this stage to 2.45 p.m. on December 15.

Cavern Visitors Increase

A greater number of persons, representing the United States and 20 territories and foreign countries, visited the Carlsbad Caverns National Park during the first eight months of this year than for all of 1936, the previous high mark, the National Park Service announced.

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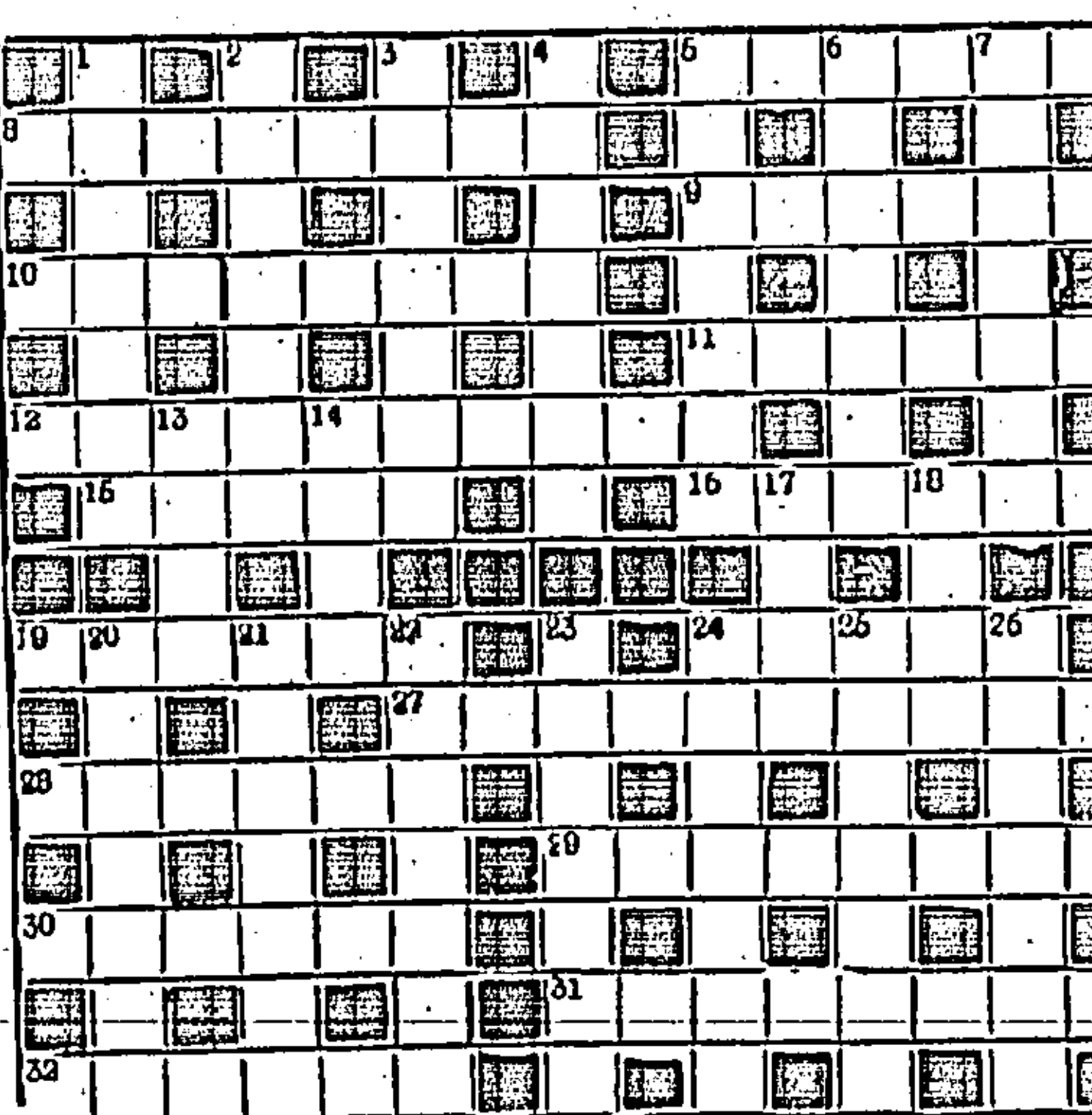
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- ACROSS
- Some eggs to grasp (6).
 - Praise indeed (8).
 - No, this weapon is not used in the R.A.F. (6).
 - The kind of skill the soldier needs, but diplomacy starts (8).
 - The end of this ancient deity has a more counterpart in Scotland (6).
 - A matter of putting heads together (10).
 - Weapon more suitable for the R.A.F. as its anagram will show (6).
 - Colloquially outwit (6).
 - Smart reversal of celebration after number (8).
 - Where with there's a good deal to be done for the hands (5).
 - A possible cause of big ground-roots (10).
 - It would be a foolish builder who sank his money in building hereon (6).
 - An ostrich might well pause to this if a this! (8).
 - Ceremony (6).
 - Cleaning (8).
 - One insect starts another (6).
- DOWN
- He watches over things like a dog on a hill (7).
 - A cleric ends in a quarrel (7).
 - Epithet for the man who means what he says (7).
 - You want the right touch here (7).
 - Delighted, but hurt if beheaded (7).
 - Epithet for plain paper, or anarchic states (7).
 - A body that no doubt often goes into 12 across (7).
 - Pleasant form of start of the cinema (4).
 - A great river (4).
 - This had formerly had another name (4).
 - Baby's first effort (4).
 - Make much of socially (7).
 - This takes the high road (7).
 - Determination concerning what you are trying to do (7).
 - Method (7).
 - Kind of bun (7).
 - Could be called a breaking down, but might be truer up (7).
 - One can hardly say this cuts no ice (7).
- Yesterday's Solution
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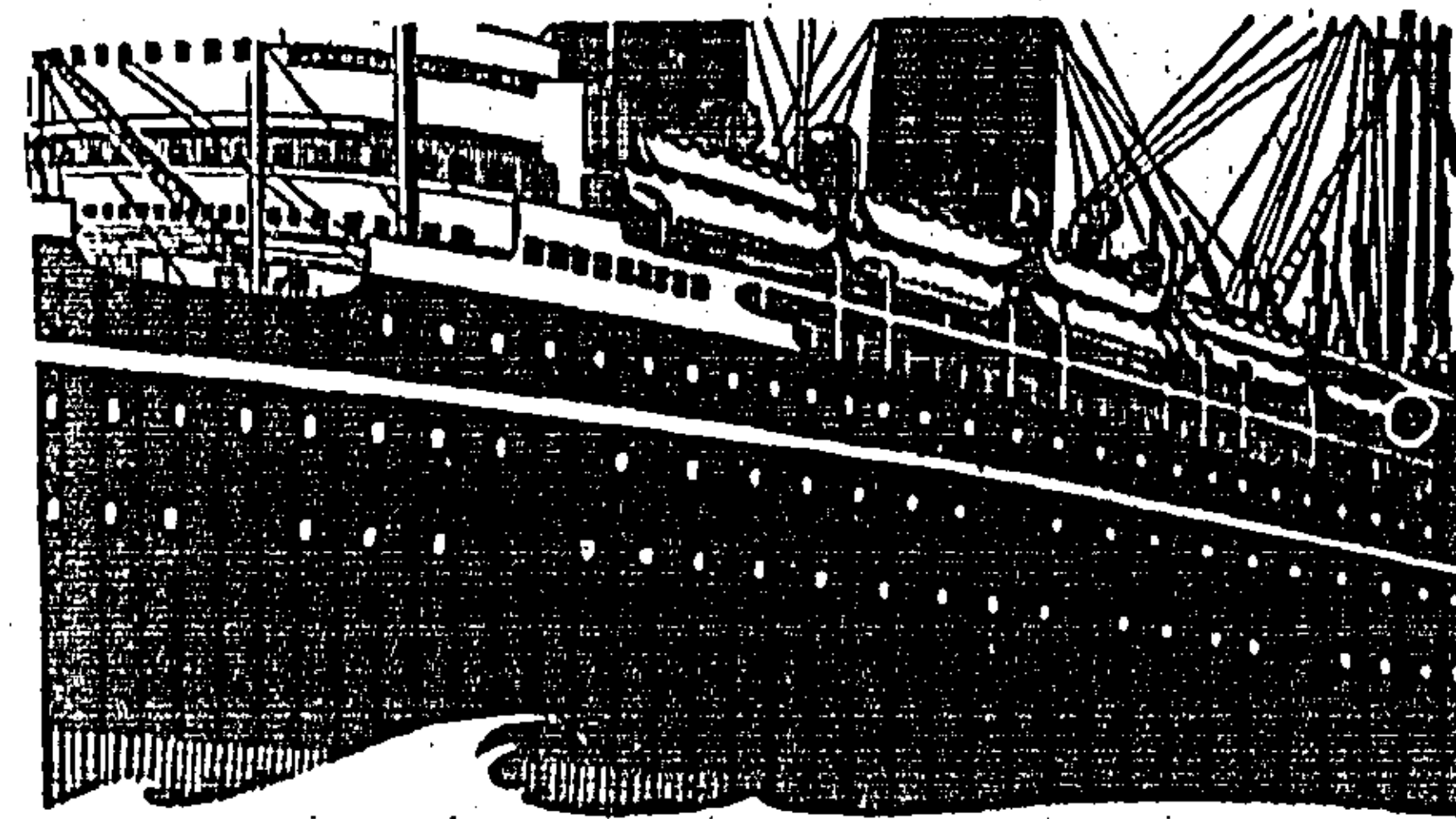
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RAWALPINDI	17,000	8th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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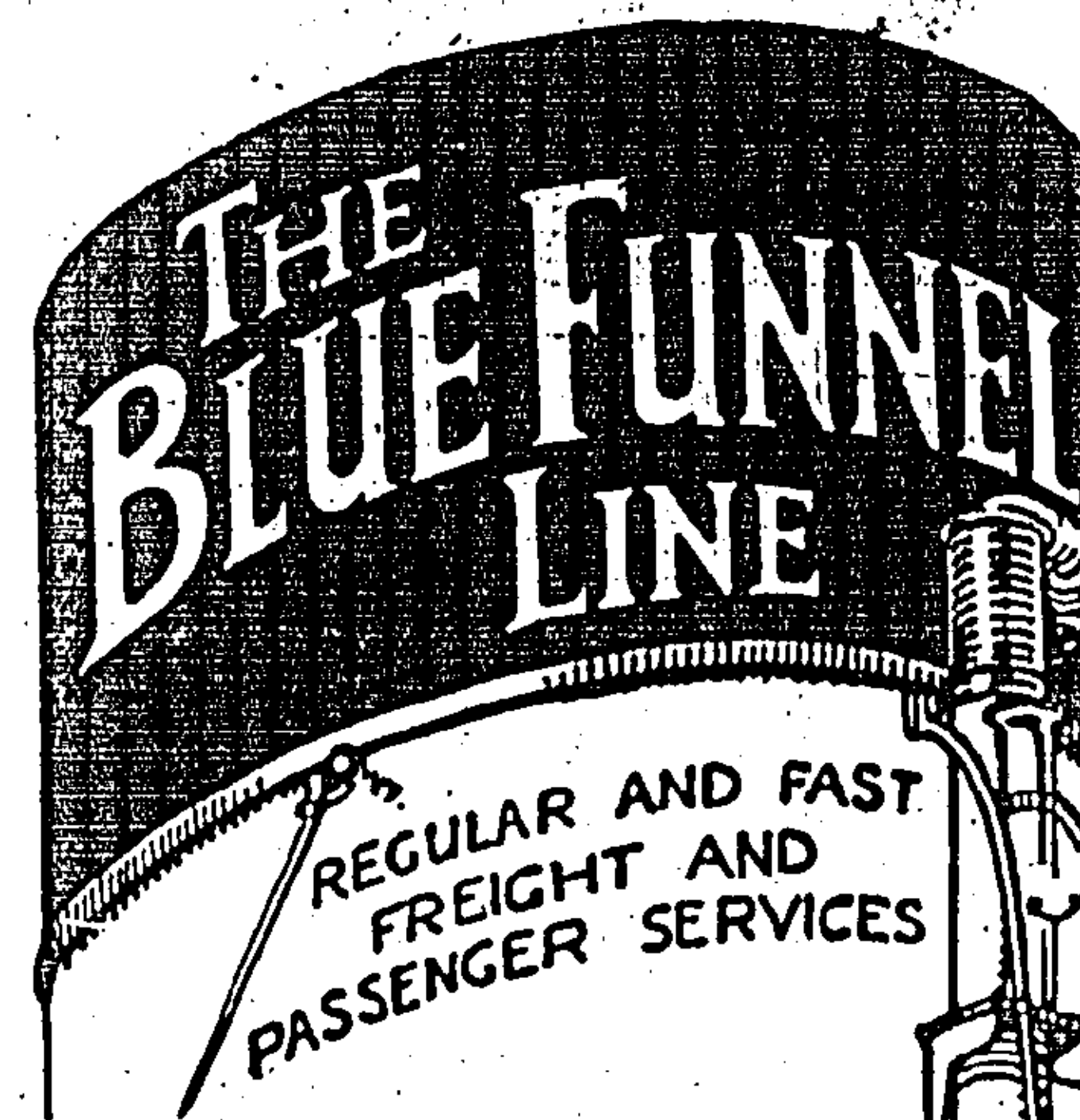
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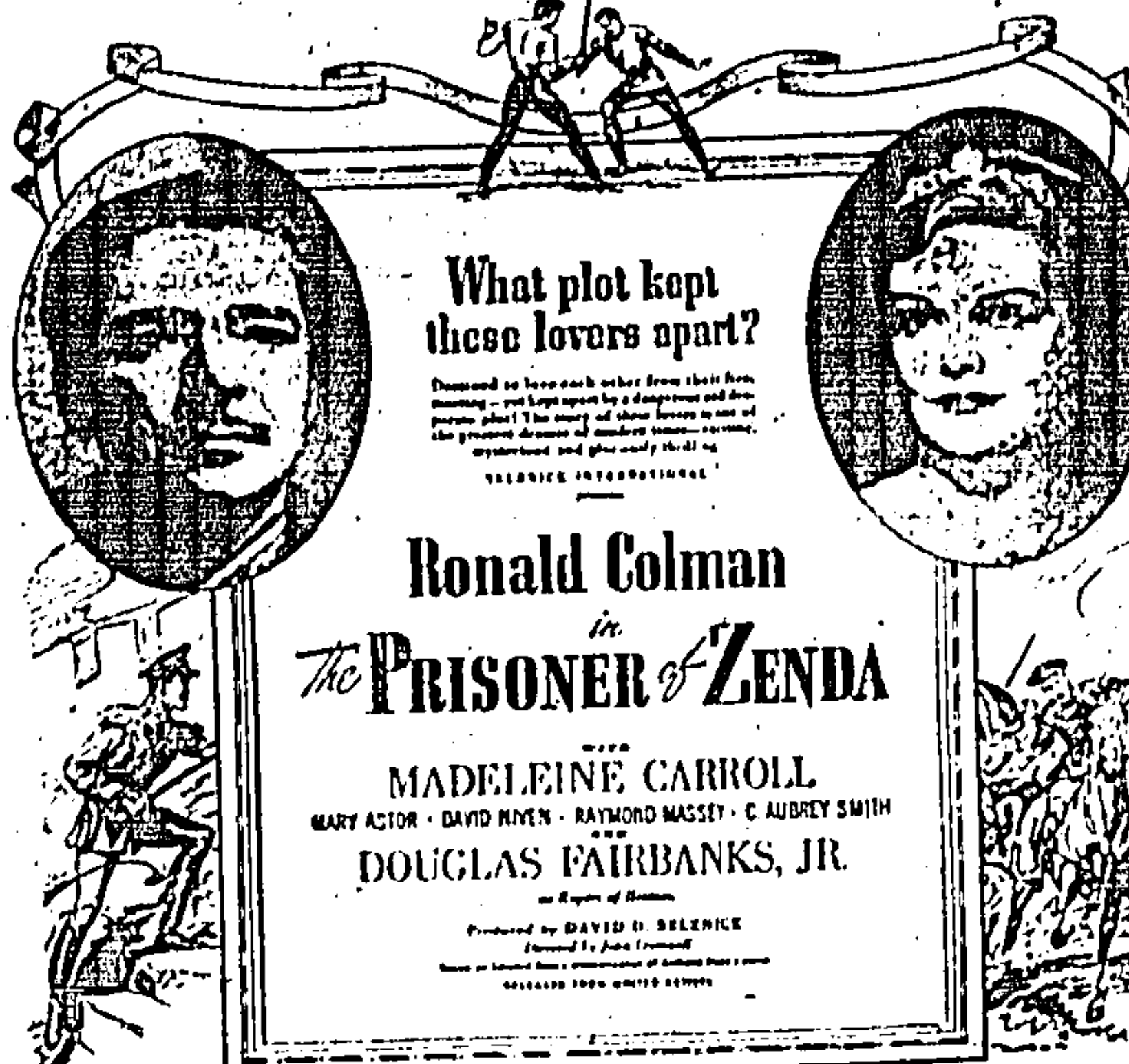
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It is pointed out that this does not mean the ending of the patrol as they can be replaced at any time within 36 hours' notice.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

ARMY OFFICER BADLY HURT

Discovered unconscious in his car on the Castle Peak Road, Lieut. P. Nicholson, R.A., the Royal Artillery, Kowloon, is lying in Bowen Road Military Hospital unable to explain how he sustained his injuries.
The Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Inspector General of Police, made the discovery himself at 7.20 p.m. on Thursday. Lieut. Nicholson was found in the car, No. 2873, which is owned by himself, at Tai Lam Chung, near Castle Peak. The car was badly smashed and the occupant was unconscious and suffering from head and other injuries.
The report has only just been released by the police.



Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall and the Rev. G. E. S. Updell, Headmaster of King's College, caught by the camera at the ceremonies at the school yesterday.—Photo by Mr. Lo Ping-pai.

BRITAIN'S RECORD STEEL OUTPUT

London, Dec. 10. A new record steel output for the United Kingdom was made last month. The production of steel ingots castings amounted to 1,178,300 tons compared with 1,133,000 tons in October and 1,001,300 tons in November 1936. Production of pig iron in October amounted to 760,000 tons and in November 763,100 tons a year ago.—British Wireless.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong radio:—
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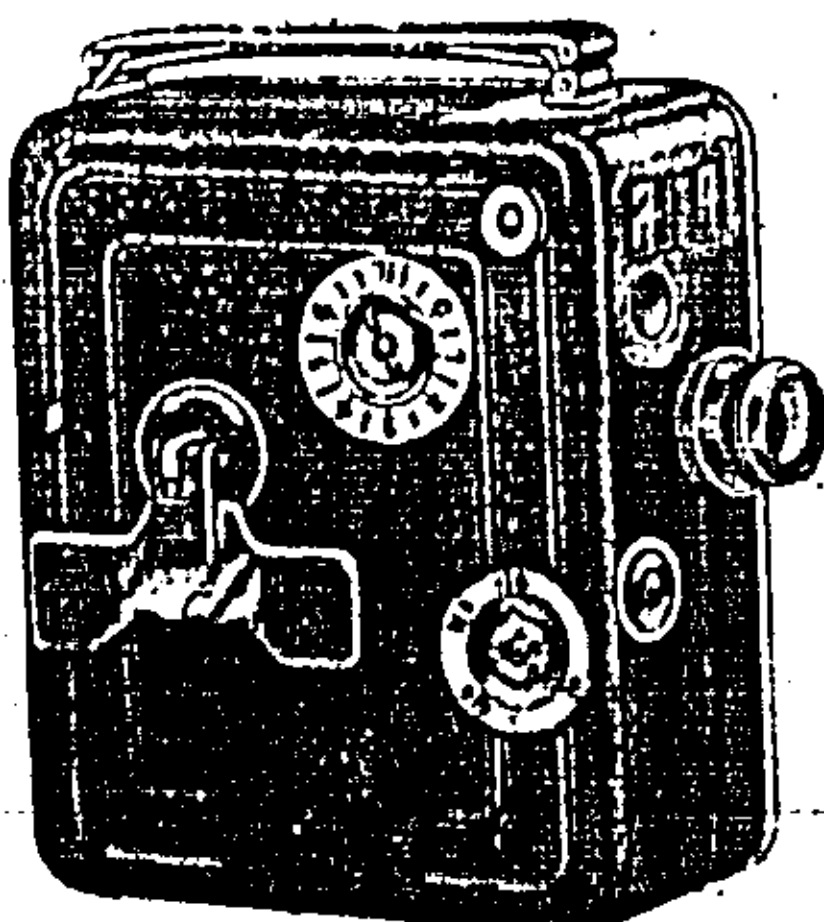
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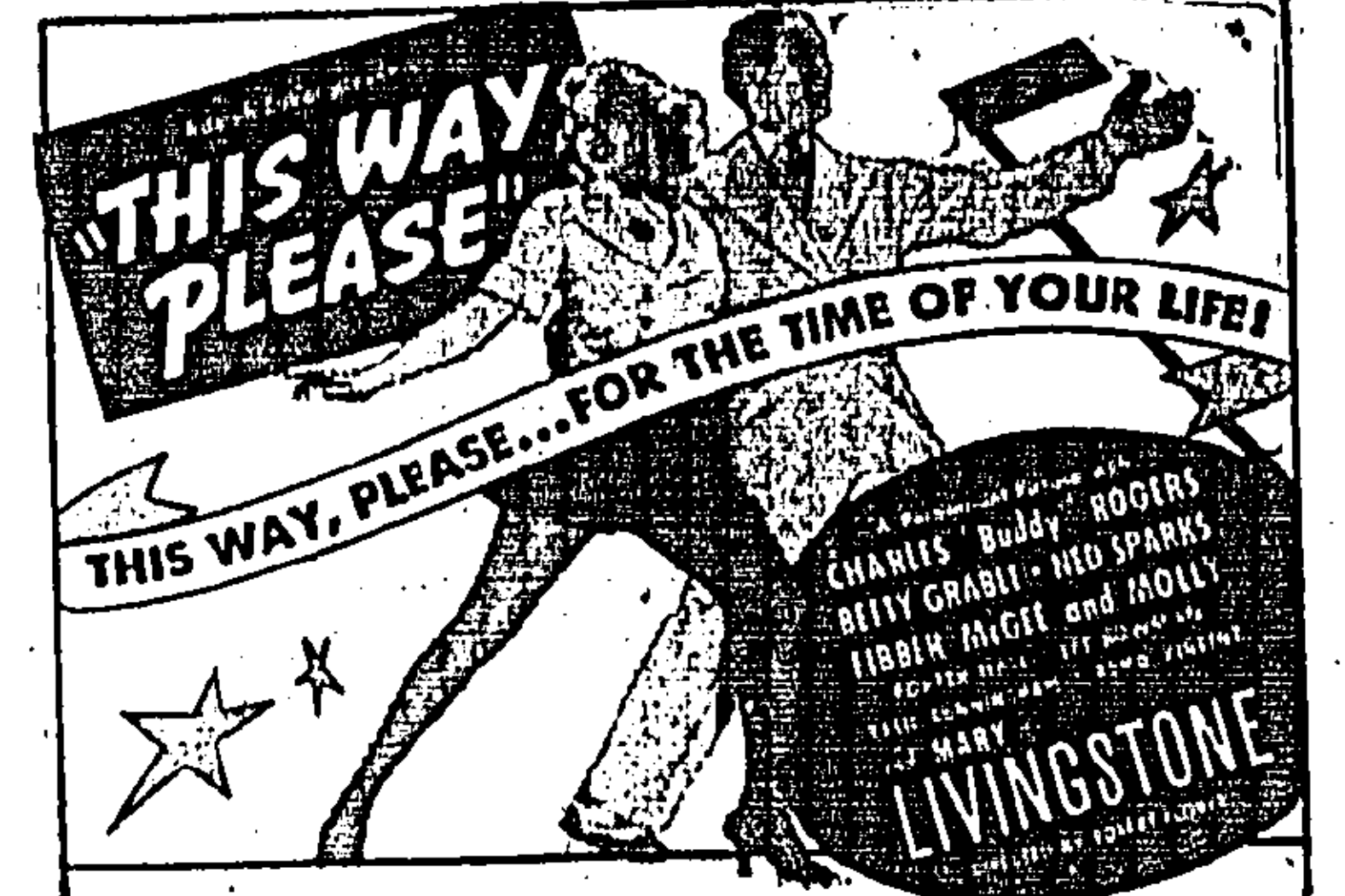
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FURIOUS BATTLE RAGING FOR NANKING

DESPERATE FIGHT BY DEFENDERS

Japanese Troops In Inner City Meeting Stubborn Resistance

BUT CAPTURE IS ONLY MATTER OF TIME

Nanking, Dec. 11.

The fate of the city appears to be sealed. Chinese soldiers, running the gauntlet of a vigorous Japanese offensive from three sides, are making a last desperate stand to defend the nation's capital against capture by the Japanese.

According to a Japanese report, early this morning the situation of the Chinese defenders was "extremely critical", although their staunch stand is being continued despite the incessant pounding of their positions by Japanese artillery and the bombardment of communication lines and concentration points by endless relays of Japanese planes.

Blood ran dark on the cobbled streets of Nanking last night as the Chinese fought desperately against the advancing Japanese.

According to Japanese reports the honour of being the first Japanese troops to enter the historic walled inner city went to a force commanded by Colonel Wakizaka.

When the news of the success of Colonel Wakizaka's troops reached the main forces beyond the walls, there were lusty shouts of "Banzai" from thousands of throats, rising above the unceasing din of rifles, machine-guns, trench mortars and howitzers. An hour later field wireless brought congratulations from General Matsui, who added: "I highly appreciate the successful attainment of your difficult task."

Further Assaults

Japanese sources state that seven other bodies of Japanese troops with a large number of tanks are now attempting to force their way into the city from the north-east and south.

A way of retreat is still open to the defenders across the Yangtze but unless they slipped out during the night, Nanking is expected to be a death trap for them to-day, when the Japanese aeroplanes resume their activity.

Chinese circles admit that further defence has no military value, but is important as a symbol that China will resist. They assert that the loss of Nanking is like the loss of Shanghai. It marks only a phase of the war.—Reuter.

To Command Garrison

Tokyo, Dec. 11.
The Imperial Headquarters announce that Lieut-General Prince Yasuhiko Asaka, son-in-law of the (Continued on Page 4.)

Uncompleted Gun Left To Museum

Capetown, Dec. 10.
The late Mr. B. F. Baden-Powell, brother of Lord Baden-Powell, left an uncompleted invention to the Pretoria Museum. It is the model of a new type of anti-aircraft gun on which he had been working for ten years before his death.
The gun is based on the principle of firing by centrifugal force with no smoke, no noise and no flash.—Reuter.

Japan Won't Recognise Government

Berlin, Dec. 10.
The news that the Japanese Cabinet will not recognise Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's Government after the fall of Nanking is published here without comment.
It is reliably understood that the German Government is not likely to follow the Japanese example.—Reuter.

JAPANESE ARMY WILL RULE

Predicted Fate Of Occupied Chinese Areas

Tokyo, Dec. 11.
Chinese territory now occupied by Japanese troops will be placed under military administration, the semi-official Yomiuri Shimbun predicts to-day in an editorial dealing with "the ambiguous legal status" of this area.
The newspaper declares that as far as the current incident is concerned there are no proper provisions in international law binding relations between two parties or between Japan and third parties. Under the present circumstances it is inadvisable for the army of occupation to create organs necessary for the maintenance of local peace and order, and to exercise civil administration, including such functions as taxation and education.—Reuter.

PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT

Owing to the large demand for copies of to-day's "Telegraph" subsequent to the printing of the Pictorial Supplement, this edition is issued without the Supplement.

Many Killed As Scottish Trains Collide

JAPANESE MARCH INTO SETTLEMENT



This historic march of Japanese troops into the International Settlement of Shanghai occurred on December 4. During the procession a bomb was thrown by a Chinese spectator and an Englishman was roughly used by the crowd of Japanese civilians, but otherwise there was no serious incident.

Plot Against Delbos' Life Discovered

French Police Find Terrorist Plan In Cypher Letters

Lille, Dec. 10.
The French police arrested a Hungarian when he crossed the Franco-Belgian frontier to-day and seized cypher letters which, it is alleged, revealed a plot to assassinate M. Yvon Delbos, the French Foreign Minister, during his Central European tour.
M. Lebeau, Governor-General of Algeria, is also stated to have been one of the intended victims of a group of international terrorists. A number of warrants have been issued for further arrests.
It is revealed that the attempt to assassinate M. Delbos was to have been made at Prague, where M. Delbos is due to arrive on December 15. Special precautions were taken to guard the French Foreign Minister after he left Poland two days ago.—Reuter.

Paris, Dec. 10.
It is announced from Prague that on information from the French police, the Czechoslovakian authorities have arrested a one-legged ex-soldier of the Foreign Legion, and charged him with planning to assassinate M. Yvon Delbos.
It is stated that he admitted the authorship of the cypher letters seized by the French police. He is said to have a grievance against the French Government from which he claims compensation for disability due to military service.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

FIRE HINDERS RESCUE WORK

London, Dec. 11.
Salvage work in the Scottish train wreck was hindered by fire which broke out among the wreckage at midnight, necessitating the call of a fire brigade in order to prevent bodies from being burnt.
At midnight 24 bodies had been taken to the mortuary and eight were believed still to be in the wreckage.—Reuter.

JAPANESE RAIDER SHOT DOWN

Canton, Dec. 11.
In a raid carried out on the Hankow-Canton railway to-day a Japanese plane was shot down and its two occupants attempted to parachute to earth. One was killed and one wounded. Damage to the line is not disclosed.—Reuter.
(Further Stop Press News on Page 20.)

PRE'S. HOOVER HARD ASHORE

TAIKOO TUG RUSHING TO AID OF WRECKED LINER; 650 PASSENGERS ABOARD

Manila, Dec. 11.
Information has been received that the Dollar Line's President Hoover, with 650 passengers aboard, has grounded on a small island south of Formosa.—Reuter.

German Steamer Alongside

San Francisco, Dec. 11.
The President Hoover sent out a radio message that she had gone aground on a sunken reef at Latitude 22.40 North and Longitude 121.28 East, near Hoishoto Island, south of Formosa, last night.
She is carrying a total of 833 persons, including passengers and crew.

Hongkong's Importance Stressed

Former H.K. Editor Quoted On Defence Of Last "Open Door"

London, Dec. 10.
The periodical, Great Britain and the East, features an article by a former Far Eastern journalist, Mr. R. T. Barrett, which draws attention to the vital importance of Hongkong as the "solitary remaining bastion to Japanese dominion in the Far East now that the Customs in Shanghai are in the Japanese grip."

"So long as Hongkong remains a great centre of Anglo-Chinese culture, a trade depot and a financial and British naval base, Japan can never feel she is able to do exactly what she likes with China," observes the author.

The writer urges that Hongkong must be made safe against aggression, especially against aircraft from Formosa. The keystone of British policy now and in the future must be proper defence of the integrity of Hongkong as the last "open door" into China.—Reuter.
Mr. R. T. Barrett, the writer of this article, will be well remembered in Hongkong: his last post here being that of Night Editor of the South China Morning Post. Formerly he was editor of the Daily Press.

The German steamer, Pruesen, is alongside preparing to transfer the passengers, and no attempt to refuel the liner will be made immediately.—United Press.

DESTROYERS TO RESCUE

Manila, Dec. 11.
The destroyer Barker is proceeding to the President Hoover from Olongapo and at dawn the Navy authorities were preparing to despatch another destroyer from Manila.

Messages did not reveal the cause of the grounding, but apparently there was no storm at the time. It is possibly due to the fact that the course is unfamiliar, since the liner is not yet calling at Shanghai. The extent of the damage is not known.—United Press.

FIRST MESSAGES IN H.K.

First messages of the grounding of the Hoover were flashed at 12.22 a.m. Soon afterwards a second message went out from the ship stating she had grounded on Hoishoto Island, south of Formosa, in Latitude 22.40 N. Longitude 121.28 E. This message stated she was in no immediate danger but required assistance.

At 3 a.m. Mr. T. B. Wilson, Hongkong manager of the Dollar Company, received a message asking him to arrange for a salvage tug to proceed from Hongkong as soon as possible. He was told at the same time that (Continued on Page 4.)

TWO COACHES TELESKOPED BY EXPRESS

Edinburgh - Glasgow Flier Crashes Into Dundee Local Train

WORST RAILWAY MISHAP IN OVER TWENTY YEARS

London, Dec. 10.

In one of the worst railway accidents of recent years, 34 people are believed to have lost their lives when two trains, one from Edinburgh and the other from Dundee, collided at Castle Cary to-day on the London and North-Eastern Railway.

Twenty-six bodies have been recovered and others are being extricated from the mass of wreckage. At least 40 are injured in this, the worst train disaster since 1915 when the Gretna Green disaster took place.

One train ran into the rear of the other. Villagers rushed to the railway station to help the victims. They used improvised stretchers pending the arrival of ambulances across the snow-bound countryside from nearby towns.

HAPSBURG ESTATES RESTORED

Vienna, Dec. 10.
The decision to restore the Hapsburg estates is not thought to bring the restoration of the monarchy any nearer, but merely shows that Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, the Austrian Chancellor, is in sympathy with the monarchist principle.—Reuter.

"HANDS OFF" WARNING BY PRESS

Japanese Paper In Shanghai Advises Third Parties

Shanghai, Dec. 11.
Reviewing the issues involved in the current Chinese customs problem, the Shanghai United News, an influential Japanese newspaper, advises third parties to exercise a "hands off" policy in the matter.

This journal asserts that it was shown it was clearly understood abroad that Japan is negotiating with the Customs as an organ of the Chinese Government, but not with third parties, regarding the control of the customs.

Any attempt by persons of other nationalities, whatever their positions, at interference in negotiations now proceeding between Japan and the Chinese Customs authorities "should be flatly rejected by the Japanese," this paper adds.

Japan, however, is not disregarding the interests and vested rights of third parties.
The newspaper declares: "Viewed in this light we cannot but consider any move taken by third parties interfering with Sino-Japanese negotiations or exerting illegal pressure on the Customs authorities in order to protect their own interests and vested rights, as an unfriendly act towards Japan."—Reuter.

LOYALISTS FAR FROM DEFEAT

Attlee Tells Of New Confidence

London, Dec. 10.

"Any idea that the Spanish Government is beaten is utterly and entirely false," declared Mr. Clement Attlee, House of Commons Labour Party leader, following his visit to Spain.

He said he gathered the impression that the utmost confidence existed that it was now impossible for the insurgents to take Madrid.

Mr. Attlee said that he was told that about 10,000 foreigners were fighting for the Spanish Republican army, the strength of which was between 600,000 and 700,000 men.—Reuter.

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Note the fashion points in detail

This frock has a distinctly Egyptian suggestion. Its flowing drapery and glittering embroidery mark it as being in the first row of the latest fashions.

Made in heavy, dull white crepe it falls in simple, graceful folds straight to the hem. Low waistline is marked by a narrow band; high round neck is circled with bands of yellow, red and gold sequins.

Left shoulder is draped with a fold which is caught with a sequin clasp.



TWO SILHOUETTES THIS SEASON

Two silhouettes rival one another among fashionable frocks this season.

Appealing to young figures is the line which has a full skirt, not quite to the ankles, and tight bodice adorned by some such fanciful touch as a velvet collar or velvet belt.

But the slinky line of other more sophisticated frocks is just as fashionable, and again very lovely on material.

Short Box Jackets Are Still Fashionable

London, Nov. 15. **S**hort box jackets are still fashionable. A new box jacket cut from beige lamb is pretty and dainty. It follows the usual loose line at the back and has sleeves just as loose.

It is the lighter coloured furs, for effect, with tucks stitched into the instance beige and grey lamb, which back so that they do, actually, de-are most suited to these youthful, corate the coat.

Clever Collars

If you have not yet decided on your winter coat, look around for a coat whose collar can be adapted to more than one style. A very handsome black cloth provides an excellent example. It has a broad strip of seal forming a cosy collar folded over in front under the wearer's chin.

If you wish, the collar is undone, and is thrown back so that the ends hang as an abbreviated train down the back. This is an extravagant use of luxurious fur, but it is charming.

A coat of fine boucle cloth has ends of the material arranged to cover the whole of the front of the bodice. They can also be thrown over the shoulders to form small cascades.

Quilted Waists

The rule about waistlines on afternoon frocks and coats this season serves.

would seem to be a fanciful belt— or no belt at all. Many of the more exclusive coats are beltless. They are cut with a longwaisted effect, with tucks stitched into the back so that they do, actually, de-fastenings.

While coarse leather thronging runs over the fronts and around the ankles of dark green shoes made from reverse calf, which follow a modified monk shape. Another pair of shoes in the monk style are in a supple tan leather. The sides have been sloped away so that the strap buckled across reveals open spaces at either side of the foot.

Taffeta Underneath

TAFFETA slips to wear under woollen frocks usually duplicate the colour of the frock material. So much a part of the frock are they that they are sometimes sold with the frocks. Pretty finishing touches include a frayed hem-line so that the effect is soft should the light, short skirt of the frock reveal glimpses of the petticoat.

Lace is not used to trim this type of underslip. Instead, a Princess style with simple fagot stitching is popular.

There is also this to recommend petticoats made of taffetas, they will not cling or ruck under thick frocks as silk slips are inclined to do.

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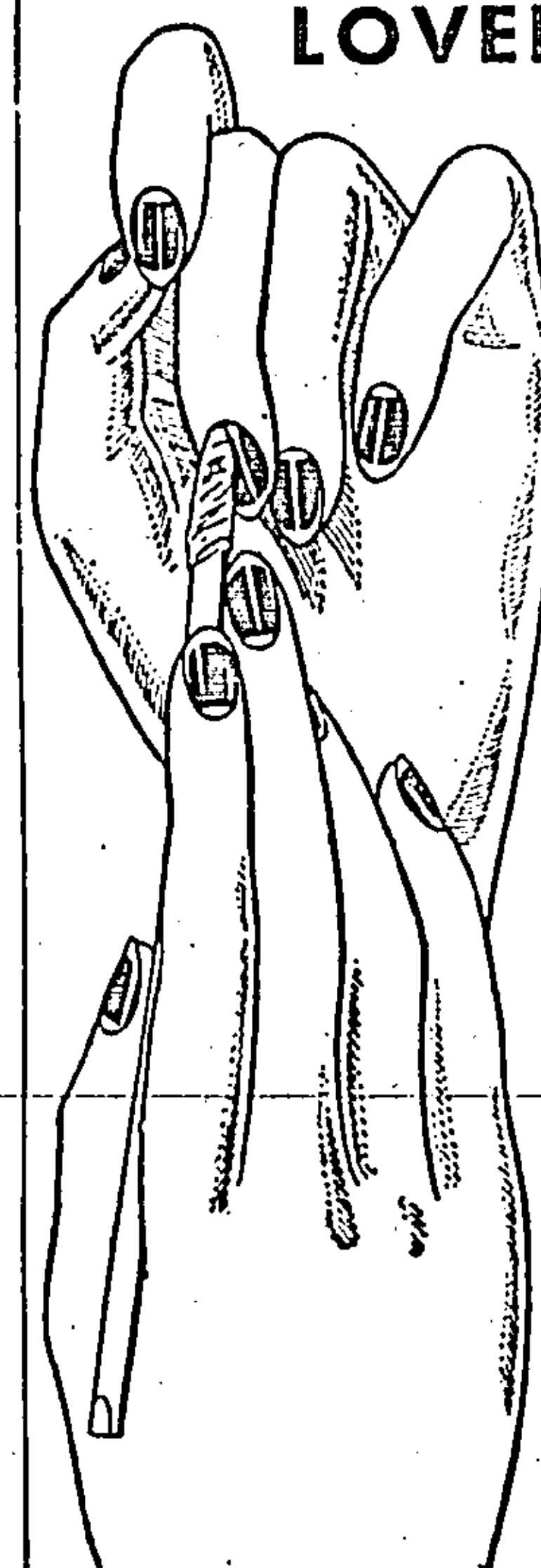
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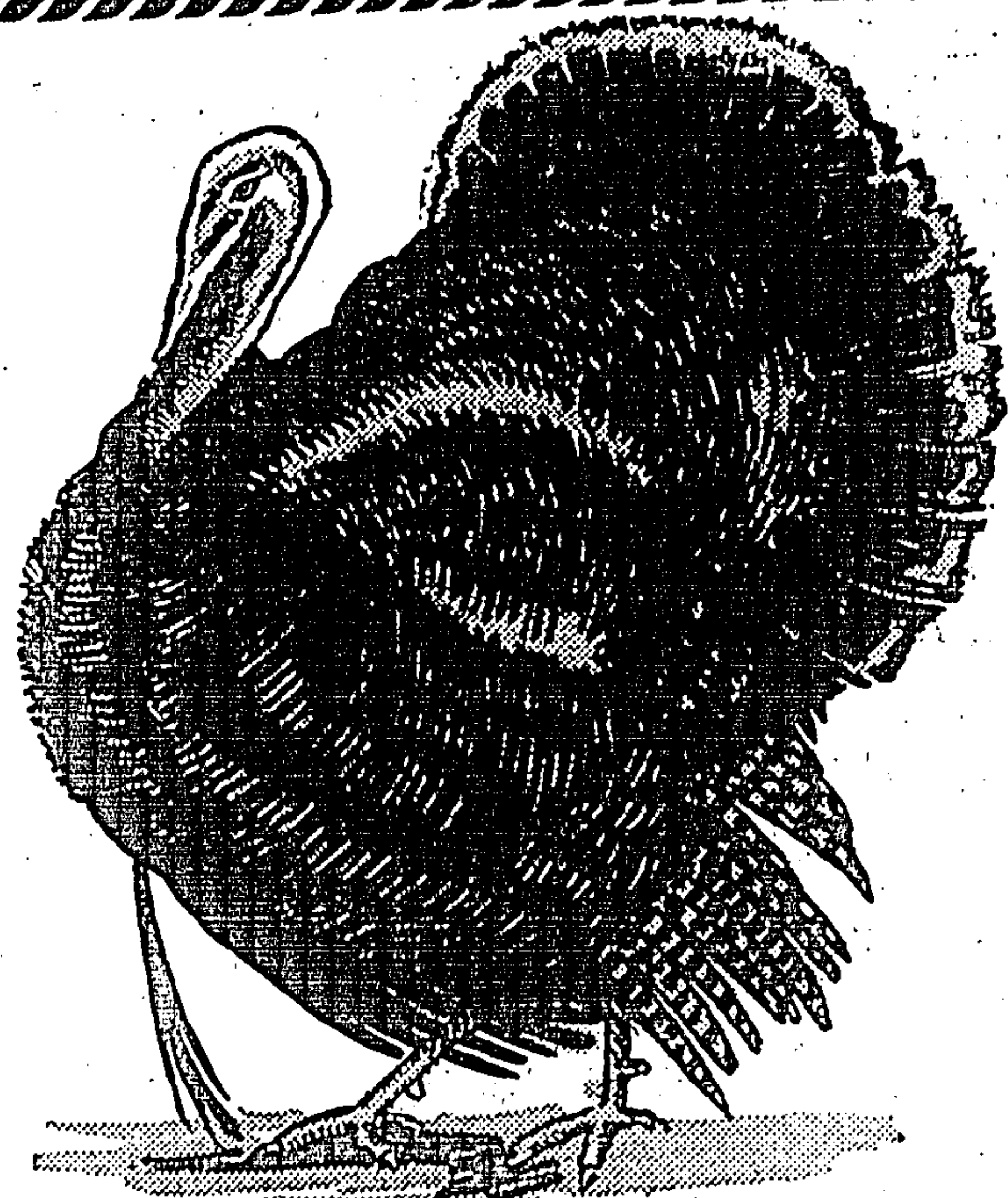
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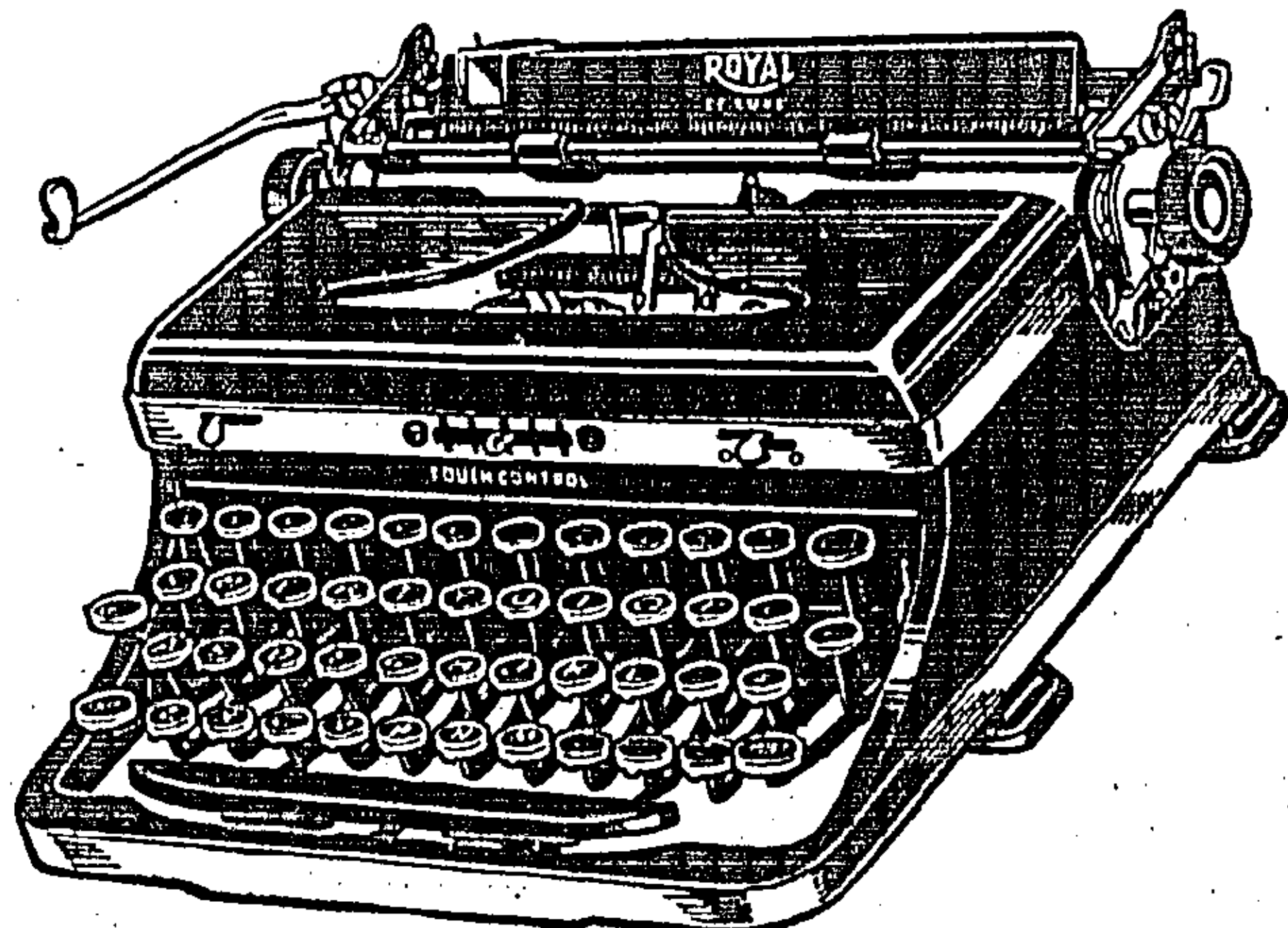
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Untold Story Of The Abdication

CABINET MAY ISSUE OFFICIAL ACCOUNT

IT is understood that the Cabinet are in communication with Opposition leaders and the Dominion Governments regarding the issue of further information about the Abdication.

The object would be to clear up misunderstandings which may have arisen concerning the Duke of Windsor's so-called "exile" abroad.

Points to be made would, it is understood, include these:—

1. That on the day King George V. died—January 20, 1936—the then Prince of Wales expressed a desire to make way for his younger brother, the present King; and
2. That after Edward had abdicated he himself declared that he would go abroad and remain abroad for at least three years.

These events were not disclosed during the debate in Parliament, as they were not relevant to the issue of marriage on which the abdication was based.

WANTED FULLER LIFE

The early desire of the heir to the Throne to abdicate his rights in favour of his brother was conveyed to the then Duke of York and to Ministers at Sandringham at the Privy Council which was held there on the day of King George's death.

The Prince of Wales gave as his reason his temperamental inability to become a "vulcanised" monarch, in the sense that he desired a fuller private life than that which tradition and custom could allow him.

This was not the first time that the Prime Minister, then Mr. Baldwin or the Archbishop of Canterbury had heard that. They assured him, however, that they realised times had changed, and that they were prepared to meet him more than halfway.

After Edward had become King he continued to reside at York House and at Fort Belvedere, using Buckingham Palace largely as an office. So that the Cabinet claim that they kept their word in "devotionalising" the King.

HOW FAR BACK CAN YOU REMEMBER

???

WHAT is your first childhood memory?

Psychologists place the age of two as the earliest when consciousness records impressions that remain as memories in adult life, but people who can remember authenticated events so far back are rare.

Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., seventy-eight-year-old Socialist politician, is one of them.

"I can remember the firing of a row of workmen's huts while the railway was being built at Sydenham. This is my earliest recollection," writes Mr. Lansbury, who was then about two years old.

Mr. Henry Ford's early memory is not so good. He recalls walking hand in hand with his mother at the age of three years and nine months to see a song-sparrow's nest under a log near their home in Greenfield, Michigan.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, who died recently, at the age of ninety-four, recalled the break on his grandfather's farm at Richford, Toga County, New York, and how careful he had to be to keep away from it. "I could not have been more than four," he said, "because we moved away from Richford when I was that age."

W. E. Gladstone, Victorian statesman, had a prodigious memory of his childhood days. But once at a house party one of his friends capped his amazing recollections by the tallest story of the kind on record:—

"I was twelve months old, lying in my cot, when the nurse came in with milk at my feeding time. I watched her refill my bottle without taking the precaution to wash it as my mother always did."

"I remember making this resolution: 'When I learn to talk I will tell my mother about that careless nurse!'"

Ninety-five-year-old General Sir Bindon Blood is another famous man whose first memory goes back a long way. He remembers watching his father make a fire on a griddle in an old Scottish kitchen, at the age of two, in 1844.

France Claims Best Air Force In Europe

With an increase of 33 per cent. in the last year, and a vast modernisation programme France believes that she now possesses the strongest air force in Europe, if not in the world, reports the Paris correspondent of the Evening Standard.

Always among the leaders in the development of this war arm, France had made sweeping strides in the last twelve months to perfect her air force. "By its organisation, the equipment it possesses, and its officers and men, our air force deserves the confidence that has been placed in it to carry out its part in defending the country."

In those words M. Pierre Cot, Minister of Air, summed up the Government's viewpoint of the value of France's air arm at the moment. While declining to quote figures on existing equipment or personnel M. Cot offered ample evidence to confirm that France's air force is more than a third stronger than it was twelve months ago, when it was represented as one of the strongest on the Continent.

"In June 1936," M. Cot said, "at best only 8 per cent. of the equipment was of the type decided upon by the Government in 1933 and adopted by the Chamber in 1934."

MAGNIFICENT RESERVE

"Now this programme has not only been completed, but a new plan, proposed by the General Staff and adopted by the Government, calling for construction of large numbers of modern airplanes, has been carried out. This has permitted us to obtain an increase of 110 per cent. in the number of latest-type airplanes as compared with 1936 and more important an increase by 200 per cent. in the striking force of bombardment squadrons."

M. Cot said that France in future will have a "magnificent reserve of youth consisting of 150 groups of students, numbering 10,000, who already have 25,000 flying hours to their credit, 1,200 licensed pilots of the first degree and 500 of the second degree."

£90,000 Home For Tank Corps

An elaborate scheme for the reconstruction of the Royal Tank Corps depot at Bovington—Britain's most important tank centre, and the radial point of the Army's fighting vehicles—has recently been commenced.

In pursuance of its policy of doing away with huddled camps, the War Office has given orders for the abolition of the old style of Army huts there. Brick buildings designed on the latest lines will take their place, though the scheme will take some years to complete.

It was in the early years of the Great War that Bovington Camp, situated in the heart of the beautiful heath which figures in Thomas Hardy's novels, was chosen as Britain's "tank metropolis."

GYMNASIUM AND CHURCH

To approach it one passes either Woolbridge Farm—immortalised in "Tess of the D'Urbervilles"—or else the cottage where Lawrence of Arabia lived at the time of his death. And it was at Bovington that Lawrence did much of his writing while serving with the R.T.C.

Men at Bovington are now to be housed in quarters much more comfortable than in the past. They speak of it as a "luxury camp" of the future, which I am told is a very apt description.

A start has just been made upon a commodious three-storey building which will incorporate barracks, rooms, sitting-rooms, dining hall, cook-house, and various utility rooms. This building alone will cost £90,000 and will be completed by April 1939. It will accommodate 600 soldiers.

In another part of the camp a large number of semi-detached dwelling-houses are now in course of erection. Many of these are expected to be ready for occupation by married families at Christmas.

A gymnasium costing £5,000 and a new church are also part of the scheme. At present church services are held in the garrison recreation-room, which is also used for dancing and other recreative purposes.

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SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Dec. 10. S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: Prices continue to ease off, although without any selling pressure and the market is now apparently seeking a level from which to appraise the current conflicting news. We would buy trading lines on reactions. Bank clearings for the week were off by 8-1/2%.

Cotton: There was a poor follow-up on advances. There is a growing belief that there will be no firm legislation this session of Congress. It is reported that the proposal that the Government should purchase 6,000,000 bales of cotton outright, at a price of up to 12 cents is considered improbable. Forwarding to mills for the week totalled 228,000 bales.

Wheat: Aggressive buying disappears on advances. There were no exports to-day. The approaching movement of the crop in the Southern Hemisphere is lending towards caution on this market. Out of 9 leading brokers, 6 are bullish and 3 are bearish.

Corn: Exports to-day were fair and offerings were light. Out of 5 brokers, 4 are bullish and 1 is bearish. Rubber: Factory interest is low. It is estimated that the consumption for December will be from 30 to 32 thousand tons. The market is quiet. Sugar: The market is quiet.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

The market has been cheered by President Roosevelt's statement that railroads should continue under private ownership and management and that the Inter-State Commerce Commission should aim to preserve the solvency of the roads. This more than off-set the Commission's refusal for rate increases prior to the ending of the hearings. It was also noted that car-loadings have registered a gain. Dun & Bradstreet say that retail trade shows some improvement. The list has eased to-day, despite favourable news.

Curb stocks were easy and the market was quiet.

Bonds were lower, but fairly active, with United States Government issues irregularly higher.

Wall Street Journal morning comment:

It is believed that the recent selling of American Can issues was due to the disappointment felt regarding the failure of the Company to declare any year-end extra dividend.

The Street continues cheerful. Dets at odds of 2 to 1 have been placed on Wall Street that the Steel industry has seen its low levels to the end of February.

It is reported that retail trade is improving, but it is expected that Christmas buying will be below that of last year.

Dow Jones Averages Dec. 9 Close
30 Industrials 128.15 126.72
20 Rails 32.35 32.17
20 Utilities 22.15 21.93
40 Bonds 93.75 93.58
11 Commodity Index 53.80 53.72

EXCHANGE RATES

	Dec. 9	Dec. 10
Paris	147.7/04	147.5/04
Geneva	21.60/4	21.61/4
Berlin	12.30/4	12.40/4
Athens	547/4	547/4
Milan	94/1	95/4
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	10.00	10.00
Oslo	220/4	220/4
Helsingfors	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
New York	4.00 1/4	4.00
Vienna	20/4	20/4
Amsterdam	4.00 1/4	4.00 1/4
Prague	142/4	142/4
Madrid	110/4	110/4
Lisbon	110/4	110/4
Hongkong	1/3	1/3
Bombay	1/6 1/4	1/6 1/4
Montreal	4.00 1/4	4.00 1/4
Brussels	20/30/4	20/30/4
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Delgado	1/2	1/2
Montevideo	30/1	30/1
Rio de Janeiro	2/4	2/4
Silver (Spot)	18 1/2	18 1/2
Silver (Forward)	18 1/2	18 1/2
War Loan	101 1/4	101 1/4

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NOTICE

Owing to Miss Violet Capell being in hospital, there will be no Dancing classes until further notice.

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CHURCH NOTICES

METHODIST CHURCH

Chapel Anniversary to Be Held To-morrow

The following are the forthcoming services, etc., at the Methodist Church, Wanchai: Morning Parade Service at 10.15 at the English Methodist Church—Hymns Nos. 659, 685, 129, 475, 611. Evening Service at 7 p.m. at the English Methodist Church—Hymns Nos. 669, 706, 680, 607.

Notices For The Week

1. Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held in the Assembly Hall, "S. & S. Home" at 8.15. Refreshments are provided at minimum charges; all Servicemen are warmly welcomed.

2. The Badminton Club meets on Mondays and Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. Further particulars from the Secretary, "S. & S. Home."

3. The Circuit Quarterly Meeting will be held at the "S. & S. Home" on Tuesday, December 14, at 9.30 p.m.

4. In connection with the Camera Club, there will be a Lecture and Demonstration entitled "Handwork on Prints" in the Assembly Hall, "S. & S. Home" on Thursday, December 16, at 8 o'clock. Members free. Civilians \$1. Servicemen 50 cents.

A Christmas Dinner and Party for Servicemen will be held in the S. & S. Home on Wednesday, December 22, at 7.30 p.m.

Applications from civilians will also be welcomed. The charge for civilians will be \$1.

UNION CHURCH

Meeting of Committee Of Management

SERVICE IN CHURCH HALL

The following are the forthcoming services, etc., at the Union Church, Kennedy Road:

While repairs to the Church are being carried out, services will be held in the Church Hall.

Preacher at both services on Sunday, Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow.

There will be a meeting of the Management Committee at the close of the Morning Service.

The S.A.C. meets in the Church Hall on Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m.

The Helena May Christian Fellowship meets in the Institute on Friday morning at 10.30 a.m.

LESSON SERMON

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong

The subject of the lesson sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist, to-morrow, December 12, will be, "God the Preserver of Man."

The Golden Text will be II Timothy 4:18.

The lesson sermon will include the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "The consciousness of Truth rests us more than hours of repose in unconsciousness. The Scriptures say, 'They that wait upon the Lord... shall walk, and not faint; and they shall walk, and not faint.' The meaning of that passage is not perverted by applying it literally to moments of fatigue, for the moral and physical are as one in their results. When we reach our limits of mental endurance, we conclude that intellectual labour has been carried sufficiently far; but when we realize that immortal Mind is ever active, and that spiritual energies can neither wear out nor can so-called material law trespass upon God-given powers and resources we are able to rest in Truth, refreshed by the assurances of immortality opposed to mortality." (Pages 218 and 387).

Announcement

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong, a Branch of The Mother Church, Boston, Mass., Macdonnell Road, close to Tram Station, Sunday Service 11 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. A Reading Room is located at Bank of East Asia Building, 10 Des Voeux Road Central, and is open daily 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays 10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m. Evening except Wednesdays and Saturdays 7-9 p.m. All authorised Christian Science Literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

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KEEPING ARMY STANDARD HIGH

London, Dec. 11. Speaking at Devonport this afternoon the War Secretary said the army was growing in size every day. The number of recruits between August and November showed an increase of 2,400 over that for the corresponding period of 1936. It had to be remembered that British standards for entry into the army were considerably higher, according to his information, than in any other European country. If anyone had the impression Great Britain had difficulty in attracting recruits to the army they ought to be told there was no lack of applicants. The difficulty resided in the high standard the applicants had to attain. Last year, for example, 18,000 men were rejected on medical and physical grounds. Later in the day in a speech at Plymouth, Mr. Hore Belisha was able to reveal that the recruiting for the territorial army in November constituted a new record. He said that 4,000 was the largest number taken in for any November since the war. —British Wireless.

APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments, Captain Sidney Frank Hedger, 1st Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment, to act as Adjutant H.K.V.D.C. with effect from December 1, 1937.

Mr. Cecil Graham Perdue to act as Inspector General of Police and Chief Officer, Fire Brigade, during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. Thomas Henry King or until further notice, with effect from December 13, 1937.

Mr. John Watson to act as Secretary to the Urban Council, with effect from December 15, 1937, until further notice.

Mr. Benjamin Davies Evans, F.R.A.S., resumed duty as Assistant Director, Royal Observatory, with effect from this date.

AMBASSADOR GOES HOME

His Excellency Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen and his family boarded the P. and O. liner Rajputana this morning for home, where Sir Hugh will continue his convalescence. The British Ambassador to China is still feeling the effects of the bullet wound inflicted by a Japanese aviator during the Shanghai hostilities. Sir Hugh and his family left Government House at 11 a.m. and were escorted on board by Mr. M. J. B. Pointz. Some friends and officials were on board to wish the party bon voyage. It is likely that Sir Hugh will return to China in the early summer.

Mr. Graham, of the British Embassy, who stayed here with the Ambassador, will return to his duties in Shanghai, probably leaving with his wife to-day.

KWANGTI RACES

Programme of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club

The following are the events and entries for the Christmas Meet of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, to be held at Kwangti on Sunday, December 19:

2.30 p.m.—"The Canberra Handicap"—1 1/2 miles. A steepchase for Australian Ponies, 165; Glorious Star, 160; Juliette, 152; Lady Gitters, 158; Salfire, 154.

"The Ambulance Cup"—1 1/4 miles. A hurdle race for China Ponies. Benerth, 163; China Kipper, 163; Election Time, 163; Ike, 163; Jack O'Lantern, 163; Lancashire Tich, 163; Widener, 163.

"The Talpo Handicap"—1 1/4 miles. A steepchase for China Ponies. Double Chance, 152; Estover, 163; Jan Stever, 150.

"The December Country Cup"—Over the country course finishing on the Race Course. For China Ponies. Catchweight 168 lbs.—Ascot, Benerth, Canary, Ebony Idol, Herga, Jock Scott, Magnolia, Nebular Star, The Minx, Tob Cobley.

"The Ladies' Scoury"—1/4 mile. For China Ponies. To be ridden by Miss Amy China Kipper, Cloudy Eye, Double Chance, Hognanmy, Ike, King's Worthy, Mac's Adventure, March Broom, Pleasant Day.

The offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Christmas Vacation, except on public and general holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed. The Christmas Vacation begins on December 24, 1937, and terminates on January 1, 1938, (both days inclusive).

Returns of the Average Amount of Bank Notes in Circulation in Hongkong, during the month ended November 30, 1937, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks are as follows: Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China \$25,133,564; Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation \$181,789,793; Mercantile Bank of India, Limited \$5,399,604; Total \$212,321,961.

Notice is given that the Governor proposes to make an order under the Street (Alteration) Ordinance, 1923, for the closure against vehicular traffic of the Shatin Pass Road between a point opposite to the junction of the Village of Chuk Yuen and Shatin Pass from December 24, 1937, until further notice. Any person objecting to the proposed order must send his objection in writing to the Colonial Secretary not later than December 20, 1937.

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Hollywood "Forgot" Sir Cedric, Made Him Spell Out His Name

'TREATED LIKE STOCK ACTOR'

Hollywood.
SIR CEDRIC HARDWICKE, angered by being treated as a "small-time" stock actor by film studio doormen, and tired of being "Hollywood's forgotten star," was preparing his immediate departure from the film city recently.

He says he found the script unprepared and that the producers "appeared to have forgotten that they had signed me up." He surprised the Metro officials two months ago by arriving to start on a six months' contract to play in Kipling's "Kim."

Sir Cedric emphasised that his departure was not a "walk-out"; he said an "amicable release" was being arranged under which he receives cash compensation and agrees to play the part at some future date if his commitments permit.

Sir Cedric said "It's not my place to criticise Hollywood business methods, but I think my arrival here in the first week in September surprised the studio. Production was still months off."

3 MONTHS WASTED
"I feel the past three months have been completely wasted. Cooling my heels all this time I found rather lksome."

"And consider this: I still have to spell my name to the doormen when entering the studio. I was given a stock actor's pass, but after a week or two, as I felt I had raised myself above that rating, I threw the pass away, and preferred to spell out my name each time."

"Really, it is stupider for a well-known London actor who has been knighted to enter Buckingham Palace than the sanctum of a Hollywood studio head."

"Hollywood no longer appeals to an established English actor from the financial standpoint alone, and I'm not getting any younger."

"Out of every shilling I earn here I pay roughly ninepence in taxes and commissions."

"I hope now to appear in a play either in New York or London."

Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Britain's most distinguished actor-knight appeared with Anna Neagle in the famous "Neil Gwyn" film which America's purity campaigners

Widow Of Four Hours Dies Of Grief

Called to Douglas Hospital, where her husband and childhood friend, Sir Frederick Clucas, Speaker of the House of Keys, had undergone an operation, Lady Clucas was told that he had just died.

She collapsed; the same night she also died at the hospital.

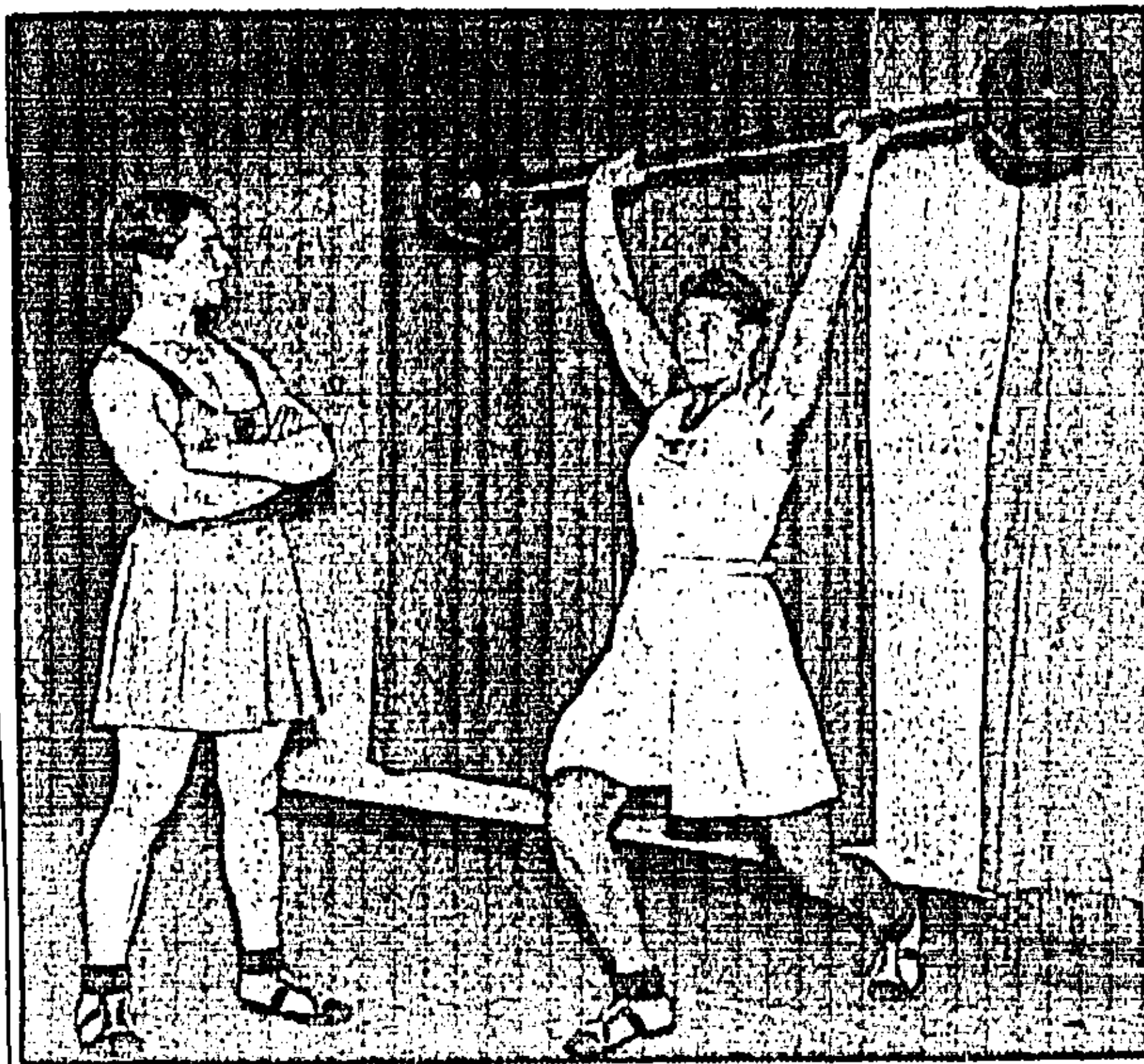
Sir Frederick's operation for appendicitis took place on Oct. 28. His condition became so serious later that Lady Clucas was sent for. She was taken to hospital by her brother and the news was broken very gently.

COLLAPSE IN HOSPITAL

Doctors rushed to her aid when it was seen how severely the news had affected her; she was put to bed in the hospital, but died four hours later, says the Daily Mail.

Sir Frederick was of Manx parentage, though he was born at Repton, Derbyshire, where his father, the Rev. G. P. Clucas, was foundation master 67 years ago.

Lady Clucas married Mr. Arthur Moore, a Manx barrister, who became Speaker of the House of Keys, and who died in 1909.



Miss Ivy Russell who is competing in the world's weightlifting championship is seen here putting in some practice.

Swastika-Branded Student Swears Vengeance

Ragging of freshmen at Delaware University has been banned for ever by the student council shocked at the branding of a swastika sign on the face of a Jewish undergraduate, Joseph Holzman, reports the New York correspondent of the Daily Express.

University officials pushed their inquiry into the branding as Holzman, his face swathed in bandages, swore vengeance from a hospital bed.

Doctors said they feared he would be marked for life with the swastika. Ray Hecht, another freshman, who was marked on the face with silver

nitrate, returned to hospital for treatment.

"DRASTIC ACTION."

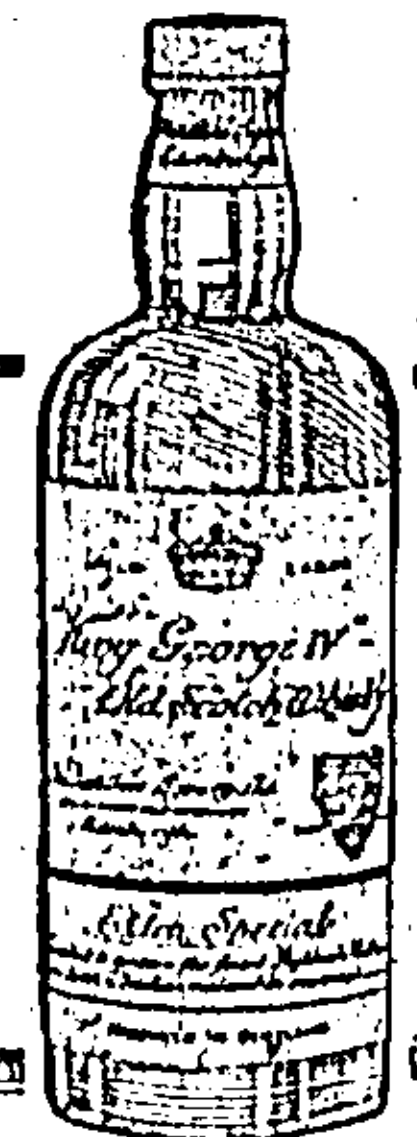
The student council, frightened by Dean George Dutton's threat to hound branders out of the university, voted to abolish all "rat rules," under which freshmen are initiated by a baptism of fire to secret clubs and fraternities.

Dean Dutton, who is in charge of the faculty investigation, said he had discovered the names of the undergraduates who engineered the brandings, and promised drastic action within a few days.

The Jewish Club at the university held a long meeting and voted action on their own account.

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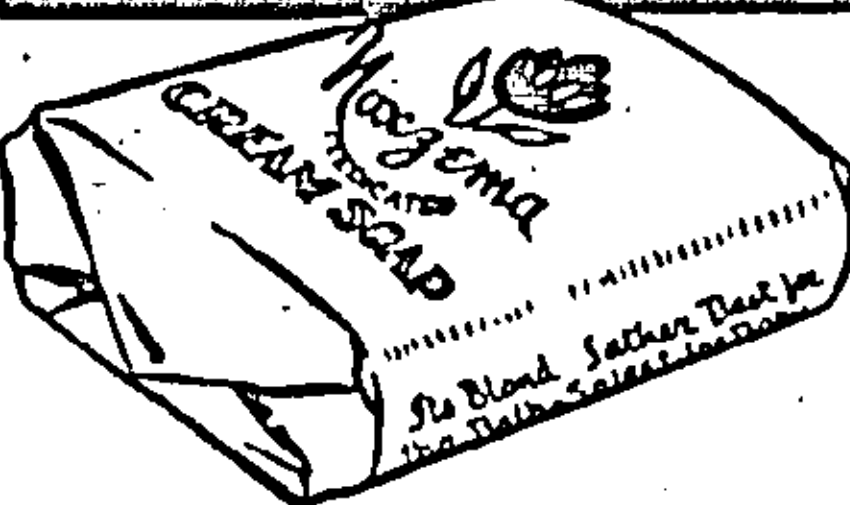
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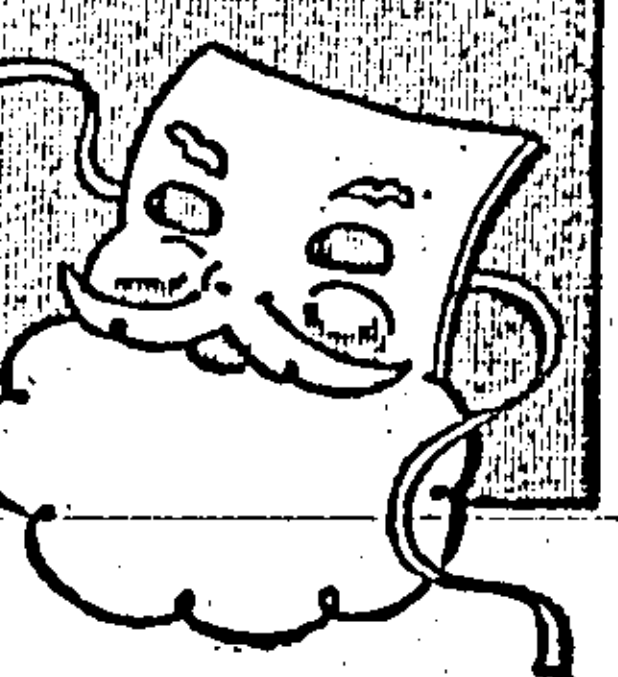
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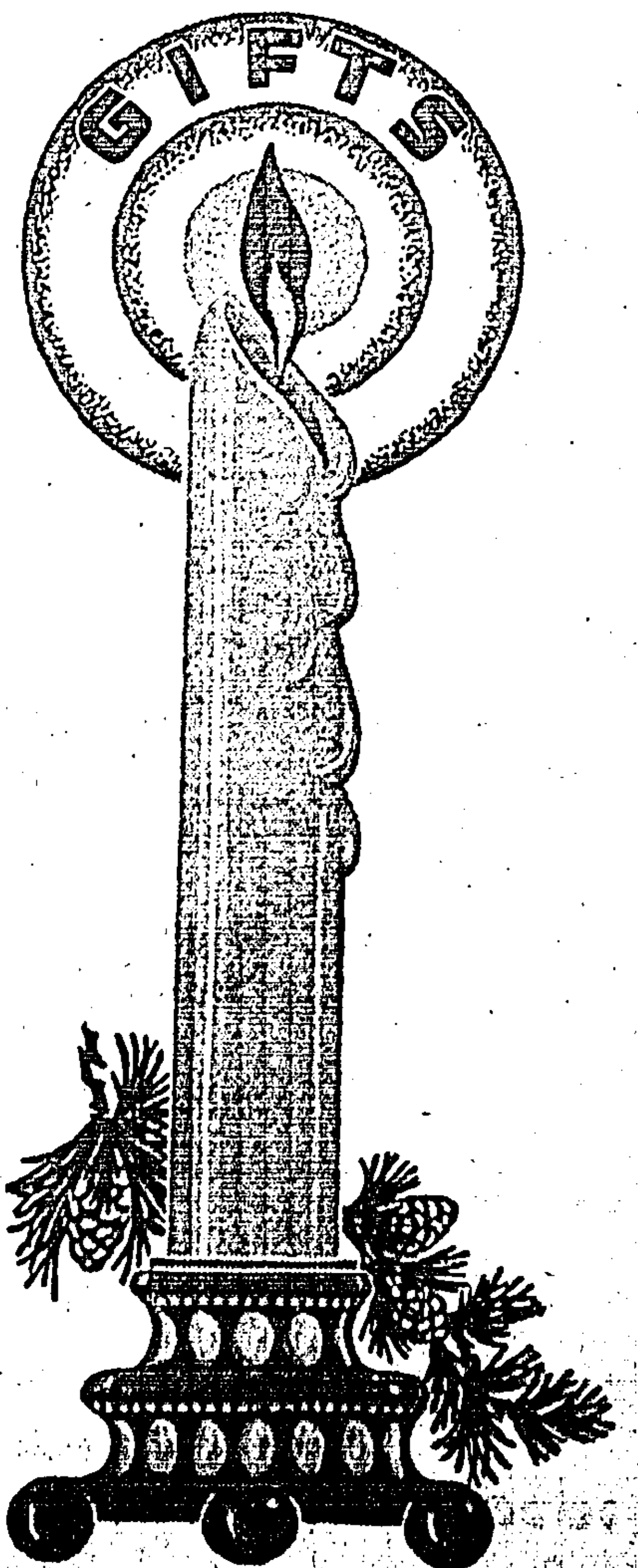
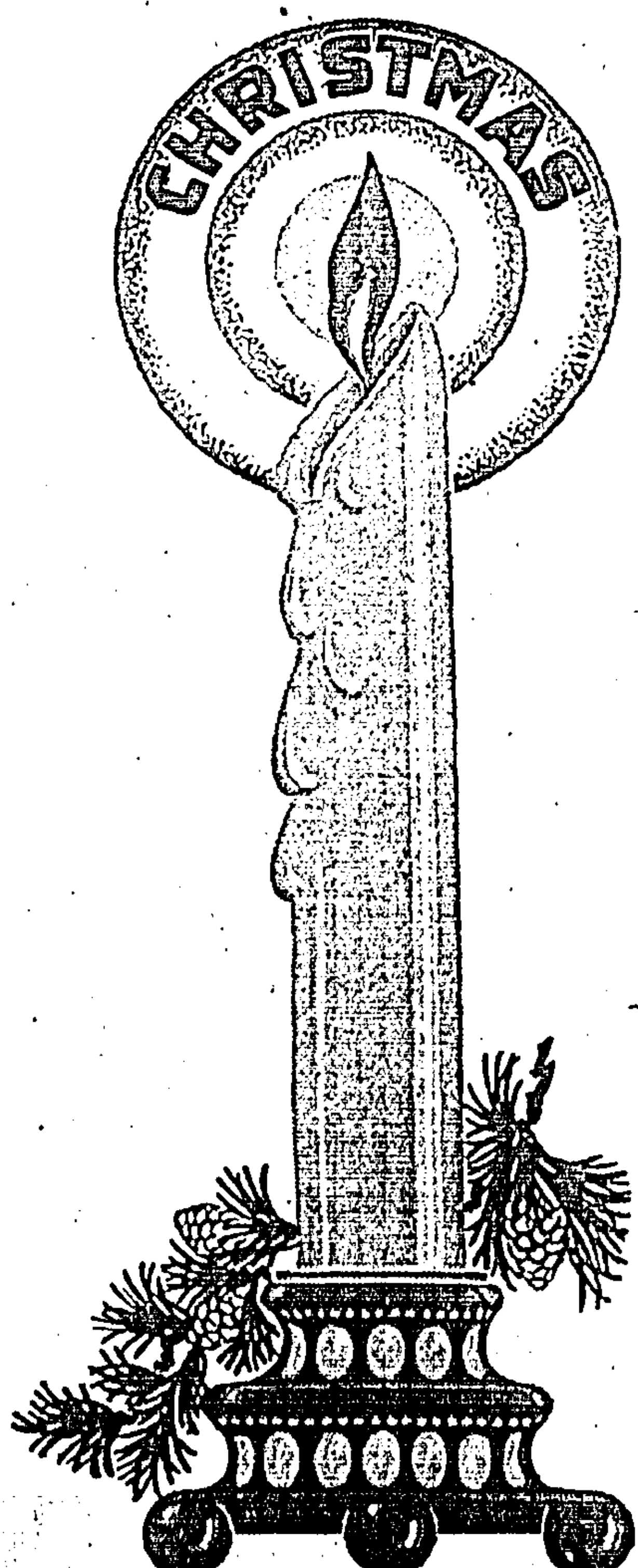
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200 Sing Sing Convicts Mourn "Little Mother"

HIGH HEELS KILLED HER

New York, Nov. 7.

TWO HUNDRED convicts, some of them convicted murderers, none of whom had been outside the grey walls of the jail for seven years, fled through Sing Sing's great gateway to-day towards the house of Lewis Lawes, governor of the prison for eighteen years.

With armed guards as escort, the convicts went to pay their last respects to Lawes's wife, Katherine, whose body lay in a casket in the house.

Some of the convicts carried flowers, one or two wept as they gazed on the face of the woman who was known to them as "Little Mother."

MASS IN JAIL

Each convict was allowed to pause one minute before the casket. Then he was escorted back to his cell.

Inside the prison Mrs. Lawes's death was attributed to-day to the high-heel shoes she was wearing when she stroled from her car parked on Bear Mountain Bridge, Westchester, on Saturday afternoon.

She was found at the foot of a steep path late on Saturday night with a broken leg and other injuries. She died in hospital.

Her husband directed the investigation into her death.

His men found a three-inch shoe heel embedded in a rock at the top of a path.

Mrs. Lawes's death fall was reconstructed. She had walked slowly from her car, stumbled over a rock, then fallen a hundred feet. Mass will be celebrated in Sing Sing to-night. All the convicts will attend.

World Record For Calves

Clarksburg (Virginia). Alta Clover, prize Holstein cow of Pieter Poth, a Clarksburg farmer, has given birth to sextuplets.

This is probably a world record for a cow.

She did so in the farm barn, without any assistance.

There are five heifers and one bull—four spotted black and white and two nearly all white.

All six are fully developed and healthy.

Germany Has New Fighting Plane

The fighting strength of the new German Air Force, has been increased by a new fighting airplane, the Heinkel He 112.

Official air force tests have revealed extraordinary performances by this new airplane, says the Evening Standard.

With a liquid-cooled super-charged engine of only 685 horse-power the He 112 has attained a maximum speed of 310 miles per hour at an altitude of 10,000 feet.

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Unicameral Debate Topic

Columbus, O.

The subject of "The Unicameral Legislature" has been selected for debate in all the high school and junior colleges of Ohio and in similar schools throughout the United States during the school year of 1937-1938.



Wong Chiu-yung, a senior prize winner in a recent Telegraph Children's Competition.

A MATRIMONIAL MIX-UP Bride Married To "Best Man"!

Belfast, Nov. 12.

This is the story of the Irish best man who married the bride by mistake, writes a London correspondent.

All County Tyrone is laughing about it to-night, but although the bride was remarried to the bridegroom afterwards, the contretemps threatens to arouse keen controversy as to whether the bachelor best man is still a bachelor.

It all happened in the village of Killeter, near Castlederg, and those concerned were:

The bride, Miss Ruby Cunningham, aged 30, a farmer's daughter, of Garveta, Castlederg;

The best man, Mr. Albert Muldoon, aged 21, a chauffeur, who had driven to the wedding at Killeter Presbyterian Church, the bride and—

The bridegroom, Mr. Christopher Craig, aged 30, a farmer's son of Drumlinbeg.

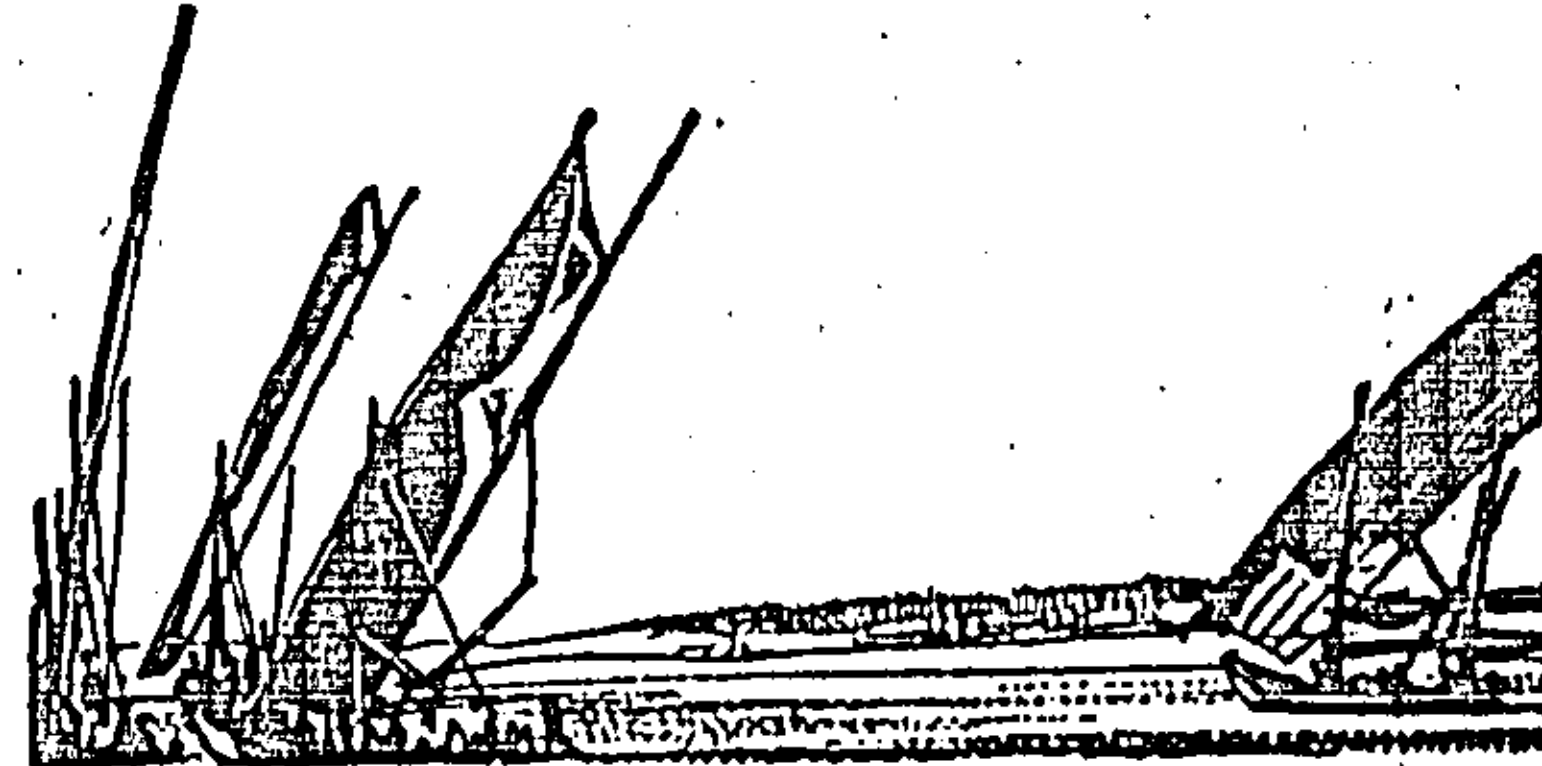
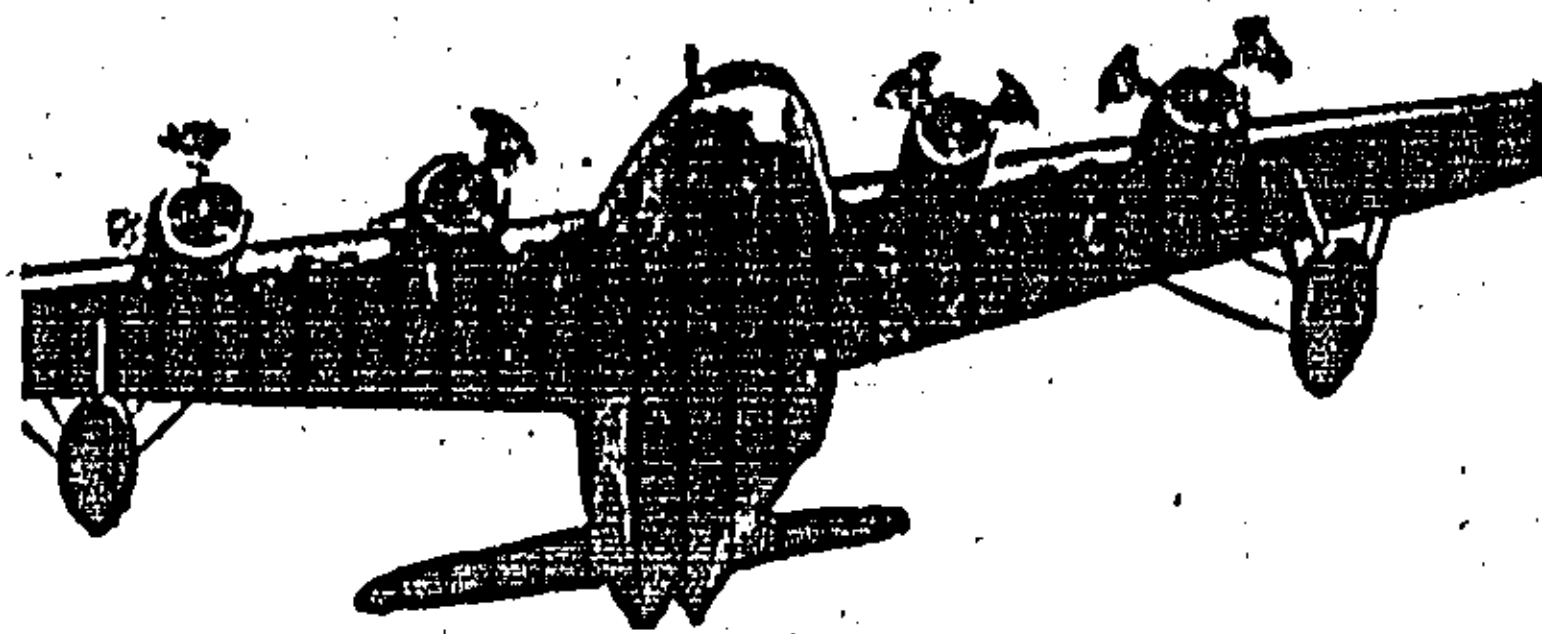
One of the things which led to the muddle was the fact that neither of the officiating ministers, the Rev. William Duncan and the Rev. J. H. Lyons, knew the parties by sight.

"HE NEVER SAID A WORD"

"When we went to the church the clergymen were waiting for us, and somehow I got into the bridegroom's place beside the bride," Mr. Muldoon told me to-night.

Mr. Duncan took me for the bridegroom and the wedding proceeded. I did not feel very comfortable, but I wasn't familiar with the procedure at the church and I thought it would turn out all right in the end.

"I made all the responses, but when I was asked, 'Do you take this woman to be your lawful wife,' I did not



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know what to do.

"I simply said I would. The bride didn't object and the bridegroom never said a word. I put the ring on the bride's finger.

"We all went into the vestry and Mr. Duncan began to take the names."

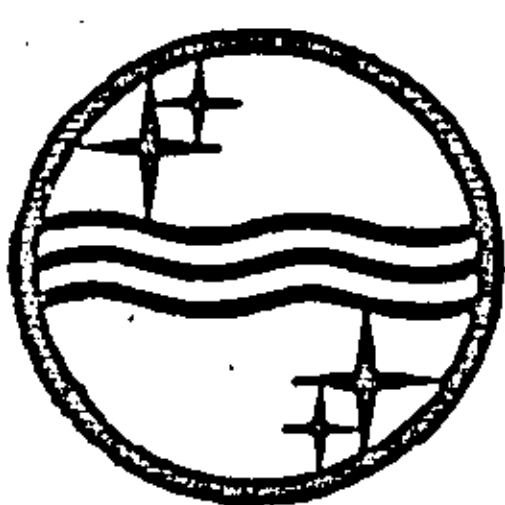
"He said to me, 'Are you Christopher Craig?' and I said I was not: he replied: 'I am afraid I have

made a mistake. I'll have to marry you all over again.'

"There was a general laugh and I think we all enjoyed the joke, for that is how I regard it now.

"I thought perhaps the bridegroom might have objected but he stood and said nothing. He gave the ring to me coming into the church and when I put it on the bride's finger he made

no comment and neither did the bride."



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COLONY'S WATER

Reservoir Returns For Past Months

The water returns issued by the Waterworks Department show that at the end of November there were 1,917.73 million gallons in the Island reservoirs, compared with 1,742.02 for the corresponding period last year, and 3,272 million gallons in the Mainland waterworks, as against 2,347.03.

As in November last year, a constant supply of water was given to all districts in the Colony and the mainland during the month, when 441.47 million gallons were consumed in the city and hill district by an estimated population of 445,000 at the rate of 33.1 gallons per head per day, as against 441.01 million gallons by an estimated population of 440,500 at 31.1 gallons per head per day in the corresponding period last year. The consumption in Kowloon and New Kowloon for the month was 270.70 million gallons by an estimated population of 380,000 at the rate of 23 gallons per head per day, compared with 260.95 million gallons by 327,500 inhabitants at 22.0 gallons per head per day in November, 1936.

With the exception of Tytam Intermediate, which was level, all the other Island reservoirs were below overflow; while of those in Kowloon, Shingmun Reservoir and Kowloon Main were the only ones level.

The reports of the Government Bacteriologist and Analyst show that the quality of the water was excellent.

The total rainfall recorded by the Royal Observatory from January 1 to November 30 was 81.895 inches, which was 12.5 inches more than for the same period last year.

RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 11.)

You're breaking my heart; 24. Caravan. 12.00 midnight. Close Down.

DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

7.30 a.m. Orchestral Music.
7.50 a.m. 'As I See It'—G.
7.45 a.m. English Folk-songs—S. The Northern Counties, Dale Smith (Bartone).
8.5 a.m. 'Sprites and Goblins'—Frederick Huddle.
8.50 a.m. The News and Announcements.
9.00 a.m. Greenwich Time Signal at 8.45 a.m.
9.5 a.m. Intermission.
10 a.m. Big Ben. The Willie Walker Ciel.
10.55 a.m. 'God's Admiral'—Robert Blake, General-at-Sea.
11.10 a.m. The News and Announcements.
11.35 a.m. Organ Recital by Aileen Branden from the Concert Hall, Broadcasting House.
1.15 p.m. Big Ben. 'London, London'.
1.40 p.m. 'Sportsmen Talking'.
1.45 p.m. The BBC Empire Orchestra.
2.35 p.m. The News and Announcements.
2.55 p.m. 'Sprites and Goblins'.
3.00 p.m. Big Ben. Freddie Mayo, at the Organ of the Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court Road, London.
3.15 p.m. Variety.
3.25 p.m. 'The Old Folks at Home' (Second Series)—J.
3.55 p.m. 'As I See It'—G.
4.20 p.m. Big Ben. Campbell and his Bells.
4.30 p.m. 'London, London'.
4.5 p.m. For the Children: 'Old-time Favorites'.
5.30 p.m. The News and Announcements.
5.55 p.m. Greenwich Time Signal at 5.45 p.m.
6.15 p.m. Big Ben. Recital by Arthur Heedless (Bartone).
6.45 p.m. English Country Dances.
7.15 p.m. The League—Division II: Aston Villa v. Stockport County. A running commentary by Charles Eade on the second half of the Association football match. From Villa Park, Birmingham.
7.55 a.m. The BBC Orchestra (Section 2).
8.20 a.m. 'In Town to-night' Fifth Season: 13th Edition.
8.40 a.m. 'Palace of Varieties'.
9 a.m. Interval.
9.15 a.m. The News and Announcements.
9.40 a.m. Violin Recital by Harry Blech.
10 a.m. The Microphone at Large.
10.30 a.m. Dance Music.
Greenwich Time Signal at 2.15 a.m.

LANDING FOILED

Chinese Battery Opens Fire On Invaders

Fochoow, Dec. 10. A Japanese warship was hit in the stern and a Japanese steamboat loaded with marines was over-turned by shells from Chinese land batteries at Wutung, near Amoy, on December 8, an official report discloses.

Two Japanese warships, the report states, fired over 20 shells at the coast, but Chinese land batteries remained inactive. Believing that the Chinese were unprepared, they sent out a batch of marines in two steamboats to make an attempt to land. When the steamboats were near the shore, the Chinese batteries suddenly opened up.

A number of Chinese houses on shore were destroyed by Japanese shells.—Central News.

Buggy Price At New Low

Carthage, Mo. The last three buggies owned by the Turner Harness Company here when it quit business in 1930 have been sold for \$215. Their original selling price was \$315 each.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS

List Of Parades For Week

Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps orders by Lt. Col. H. C. B. Anderson, a.c., Commandant, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Friday, Dec. 10.

1. Box Respirators

All Box Respirators must be returned to Company Stores immediately.

2. Rifles and Bayonets

All Rifles and Bayonets must be returned to the Quartermaster immediately.

3. Course Result

Captain T. Addis-Martin attended the 2nd. Q. F. (Advanced) Course at Sheshuryness from October 10 to 30, 1937, and qualified.

4. Parades

(a) Corps 1st. Battery.—There will be no further parades during the month of December.

(b) 2nd. (Improvized) Battery.—Thursday, December 16. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 for lecture on ammunition.

(c) Engineer Company:

i. Sunday, December 12. Company shoot at Stonecutters. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Police Pier, Kowloon at 8.45 a.m. Dress: Uniform optional. Rifles and bayonets must be drawn from Store before 1.00 o'clock on Saturday, December 11. The shoot on the Peak Range is cancelled.

ii. Monday, December 13. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Lewis Gun Instruction. Members are advised to bring overalls.

(d) Corps Signals.—Tuesday, December 14. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m.

(e) Machine Gun Troop.—Tuesday, December 14. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. Instruction.

(f) Armoured Car Section: i. Tuesday, December 14.—A and B Classes.—Mechanism L. G. C. Class.—Passing out tests M. G.

ii. Wednesday, December 15. Miniature Range. All Ranks.

iii. Sunday, December 19. Musketry course at Stonecutters. Rifles must be drawn from Stores by Friday, December 17. Dress—Optional. Launch leaves Queen's Pier 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier 8.45 a.m.

(g) Motor Machine Gun Platoon: i. Friday, December 17. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. A and B Classes.—Instructor's hour for recapitulation. C Class.—Mechanism. 2nd. four subheads.

ii. Camp Pay. Payment will be made at H. Q. on Friday, December 17, at 6.30 p.m. All those who attended Camp must attend in order that the pay sheets may be returned to H. Q. at an early date.

(h) No. 1 (M. G.) Company.—Friday, December 17. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. Instruction.

(i) No. 2 (M. G.) Company (Scottish). Thursday, December 16. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. Instruction.

ii. Sunday, December 19. Musketry course at Stonecutters. Rifles must be drawn from Stores by Saturday, December 18.

iii. Sunday, December 19. Range Officer detailed by No. 2 (M. G.) Company.

i. Monday, December 13. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. Those detailed by O. C. Company will fire on the Miniature Range. Remainder, Musketry.

ii. Thursday, December 16. Those detailed by O. C. Company will fire on the Miniature Range. Remainder no parade.

(k) No. 4 (M. G.) Company: i. Wednesday, December 15. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. Elementary Gun Drill.

ii. Friday, December 17. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. Infantry Drill.

(l) Portuguese Companies: i. No. 5 (M. G.) Company.—Tuesday, December 14. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. M. G. Training. Continue from stage reached last week.

ii. A. A. Company.—Tuesday, December 14. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. A. A. Training. Ground Training. Continue from stage reached last week.

iii. All members of the Companies who attended Camp must attend to receive pay on Tuesday, December 14, at 6.30 p.m.

(m) Machine Gun Signals: i. Monday, December 13. Sub-section D will parade for instruction at 5.20 p.m.

ii. Friday, December 17. Sub-sections A and B. will parade at 5.20 p.m. Instruction as per Training Syllabus.

(n) Army Service Corps Company.—Thursday, December 16. Parade at R.A.S.C. Camber at 5.30 p.m. for Lewis Gun Instruction.

(o) R.O.D.C.—Construction Section.—The next lecture will be on Thursday, December 23.

5. Inspection of Respirators

Company Gas Instructors will inspect their Company's respirators at the first opportunity and will report to the Corps Gas Officer any damage.

A return to Corps Gas Officer will be forwarded on December 31 stating numbers of respirators which have not been inspected.

6. Appointments and Promotion

The following appointments and promotion have been approved in the M.G. Signals w.e.f. 10.12.37.

No. 2019 Cpl. A. D. Coplin to be Lance Sergeant.

No. 2503 L/Cpl. W. G. Poy to be Corporal.

No. 2530 Sgr. N. F. Deltz to be Lance Corporal.

7. Transfer

Lieut. R. P. Phillips, A.S.C. Com-

pany, is transferred to Reserve of Officers w.e.f. 10.12.37.

B. Leave

No. 1779 C.Q.M.S. H. F. Westlake, Armoured Car Section, returned from leave on 9.12.37.

No. 780 Sergt. C.S. Coom, Reserve Section A, returned from leave w.e.f. 25.12.37.

No. 1787 Sergt. T. G. Stokes, A.S.C. Co. returned from leave w.e.f. 9.12.37.

No. 2014 Supper G. P. Murphy, Engineer Company, returned from leave on 3.12.37.

B. Strength: Increase

No. 2081 Supper S. Bercovlitch, R.O.D.C. Con. Sec., 2.12.37.

No. 2202 Private A. B. Henry, A. Car Section, 7.12.37.

No. 2063 Private J. M. M. Alves, No. 6 (M.G.) Co. No. 12 Pl., 7.12.37.

No. 2904 Private C. P. Basto, No. 5 (M.G.) Co. No. 12 Pl., 7.12.37.

S. F. Inspector, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICES

1. Corps 1st. Battery Dinner

The Annual Dinner will be held at H. Q. on Friday, December 17, and all those who wish to attend but who have not yet communicated with L/Bomdr. H. S. Jones, c/o Hongkong Electric Co., should do so without delay.

2. Machine Gun Signals Dinner

Members of Subsections A and B are reminded that their dinner will be held at H. Q. on Thursday, December 16 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets at \$2.25 can be obtained from Sign. Glendenning and Carr.

AFFILIATED UNIT

1. Meeting

There will be a meeting on Monday, December 13 at 5.30 p.m. for practical work at the P.W.D. Offices.

2. Enrolment

Miss Jean Fraser w.e.f. 6.12.37. (Sd.) Mrs. E. M. Begg, Commandant, Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

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IS IT BARBARISM OR RELIGION?

"Courageous," says
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Publication recently of pictures of Mr. Jacob Epstein's
newest statue, "Consummation Est" ("It Is Finished")—
a recumbent figure of Christ—brought the first rumblings
of another Epstein storm.

Artists, sculptors and architects who had studied the
pictures gave their views to the *News Chronicle*.

The divergence of opinion they re-
vealed is likely to be multiplied when
the Man in the Street becomes aware
of this newest creation by the most
talked-about sculptor of this genera-
tion.

Mr. Eric Gill, one of the foremost
sculptors in Britain, looked hard at a
large-scale photograph of the statue
and said:

"If I had discovered this monstrous
piece of sculpture on some deserted
island I should have said: 'This is a
jolly fine piece of work.' Though
even then I should have supposed
that it was meant to stand upright;
it seems to have the attitude of
a person actively displaying himself—
it has not the passivity of a corpse."

"WHAT IS IT FOR?"

"But I am accustomed to carve a
statue to order, for a particular
purpose and place. Therefore I find it
difficult to criticise this statue except
from this point of view: What is it
for? Where is it going?"

Sir Charles Allom is head of a big
firm of architectural contractors, and
is a member of the Board of Educa-
tion's Advisory Committee on Art
Education. He said:

"It is impossible to think that One
who excelled all others in the world
in mental alertness should have
existed in a form so hopelessly
beastly."

"Epstein is a great artist, but he
is simply throwing away his mighty
gifts for this filthy modern stuff.
It is equalled only by some of the
work of a few savages in more or
less distant times."

"These moderns think they are
copying one another in reproducing
the prototypes of some of the half-
educated races."

Professor C. H. Reilly, Emeritus
Professor of Architecture at Liver-

Bible For Every British
Home

Plans to distribute a Bible to every
British home next year to mark the
celebrations of the fourth centenary
of the Reformation are being drawn
up by the Rev. E. J. T. Bagnall,
secretary of the London Free Church
Federation.

pool University, member of the Lon-
don Board of Architectural Educa-
tion, said after he had seen the pic-
ture:

"Epstein, you know, is an archi-
tectural sculptor. He should be
working with Mendelssohn, the
architect who is doing the new Uni-
versity in Palestine. Everything
Epstein does has an architectural
quality. He needs the background of
enormous buildings."

BUYER OF "GENESIS"

Mr. Alfred Bosson, M.P., a Fellow
of the Royal Institute of Architecture,
who bought Epstein's last great
statue "Genesis," said recently:

"The picture shows that this is a
statue which illustrates most
powerfully the great sacrifice that
our Lord made. It seems to me to
be a very courageous piece of
work. It is to be viewed from
above. Do you know of any other
piece of sculpture like it?"

"It will be attacked, of course.
But I would say this: Strong stuff is
typical of this age. The age of sweet
stuff is over. Epstein has made
every sculptor to-day think twice be-
fore he gets to work."

What had Mr. Epstein to say re-
cently?

He said: "It's no good trying to get
the right ideas into the heads of
wrongheaded people."

Severe Winter Predicted

Rhineland, Wis.
Conservation wardens believe that
frequent rains by northern Wisconsin
bears on kitchens, gardens, orchards
and beehives indicates the coming of
a severe winter. Other wildlife
students insist, however, that the
bears have been driven to the raids
by a shortage of berries.

Pie-Baking Brings Firemen

Conneaut, O.
Firemen answering a call to the
home of Mrs. William J. Rankinen
found her busy baking pies, smoke
pouring from the electric range in
her kitchen.

56,651 Fower In London Schools

Children in the L.C.C.
elementary schools last April,
states a return to be sub-
mitted to the L.C.C. Educa-
tion Committee, numbered
543,611, a reduction of
56,651 on the 1935 total,
compared with a decrease of
70,416 on the previous two
years.

Main factors responsible
were the fall in the birth rate
and migration to areas beyond
the Administrative County of
London.

Heaviest reductions took
place in Southwark, Chamber-
well and Poplar.

Promotion Grievances In Army

DRASTIC ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Drastic action is to be taken
by Mr. Hore-Belisha, Secretary
of State for War, to redress
grievances caused by the present
system of promotion in the
Army.

The first step will be to end the
system of regimental promotion.

Under the new rulings, shortly to
be announced, all officers will auto-
matically obtain promotion after a
fixed number of years in ranks
below that of lieutenant-colonel.

So unjust has the present
system proved that the three
senior captains of the Wiltshire
Regiment have held that rank
since January 1, 1917—more
than 20 years.

In a number of other regiments
senior captains have put in 15 and 14
years' service in that rank.

On the other hand, in some units
of the cavalry the senior captains
have held their rank for only five
years.

That means that men who were
fighting for their country in the war
have become juniors to those who
were only schoolboys at that time.

Sit-Down on Railroad

Tapoco, Hungary.
A group of peasants staged a "sit-
down" strike on a railway track
here. Protesting against the high
price of wheelstones to sharpen their
scythes, they sat down between the
rails and delayed traffic for more
than half an hour.

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fat that seemed to nearly stop me
breathing, especially when I knelt
down to do any housework, or was
walking up a hill. I would simply
have to fight for my breath for about
20 minutes. But now that has all
gone, thanks to Kruschen. I have
lost 14 lbs. in weight, and am able to
get about in comfort. I feel so much
better, and am so pleased to have
lost some of the fat that was steadily
gaining ground with me, and ruining
my general health." (Miss) A.K.

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cause of fat by assisting the internal
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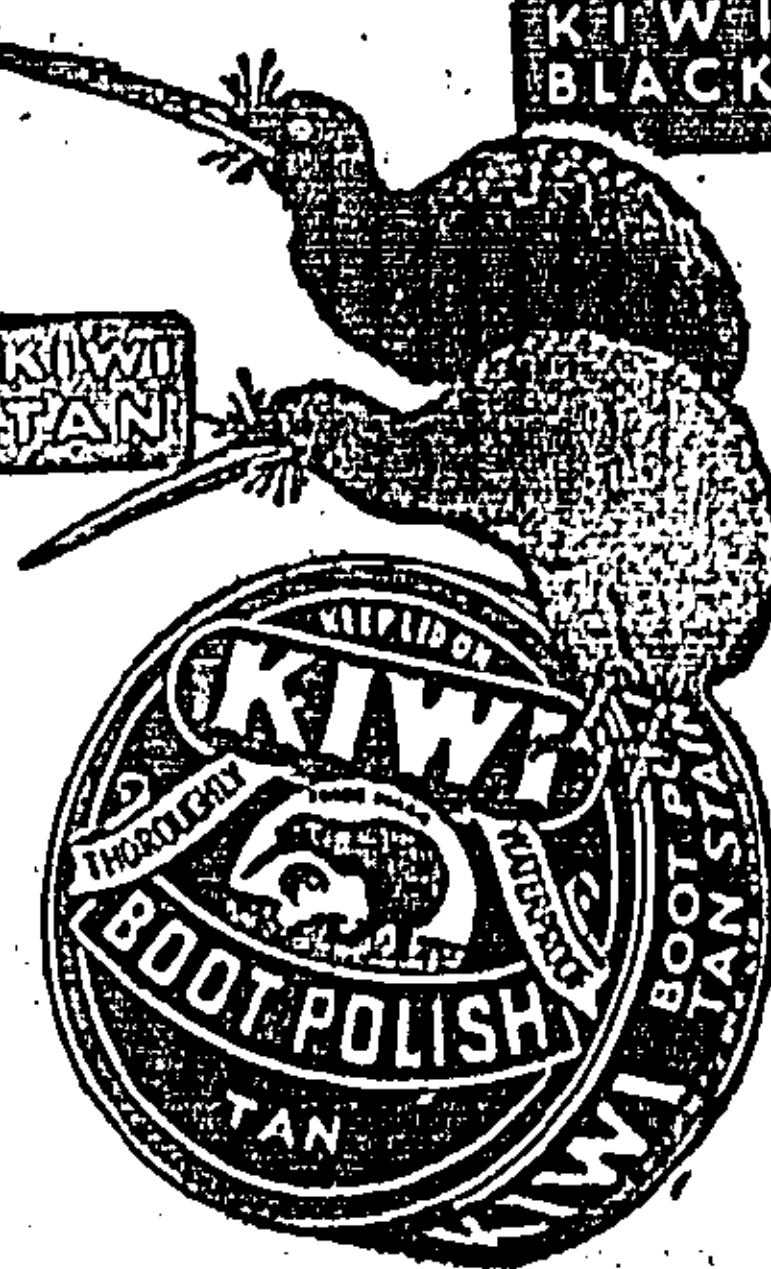


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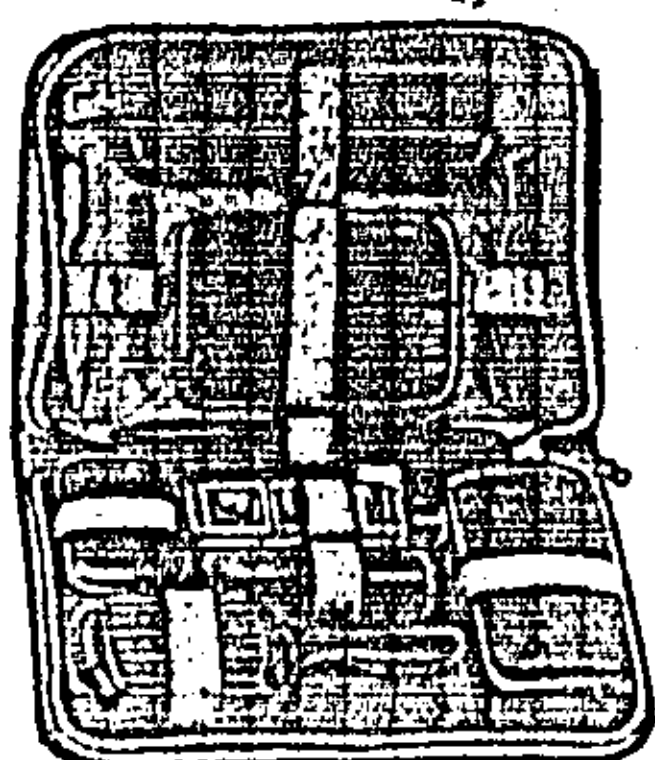
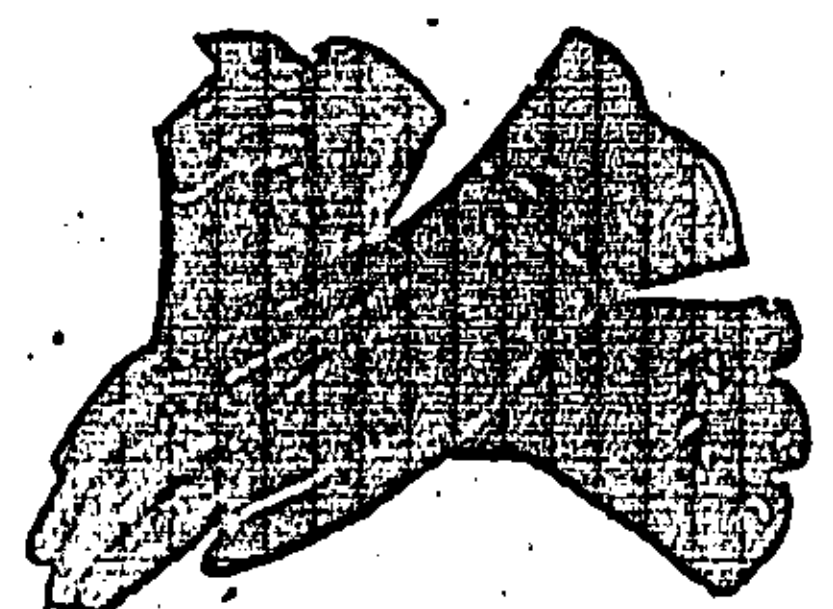
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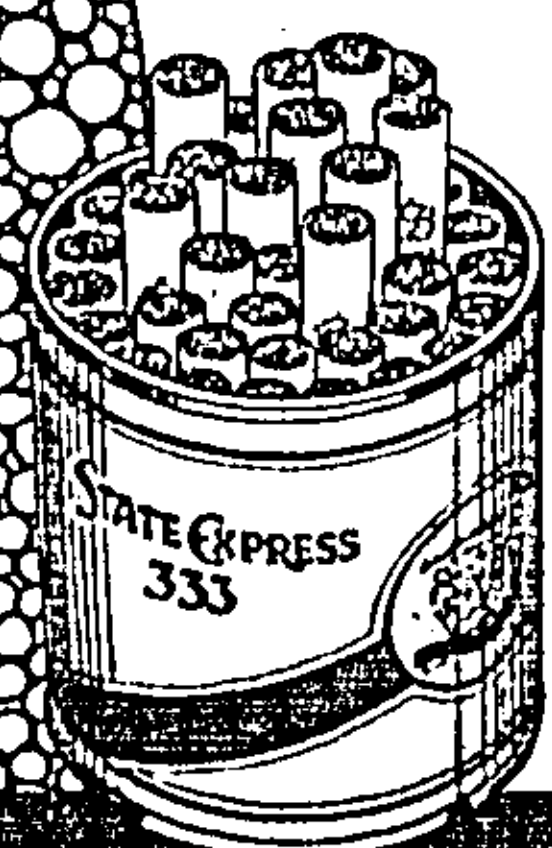


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Wanda, daughter of General Rodolfo Graziani, Italian Viceroy of Ethiopia, signs the marriage registry after her marriage to Count Sergio Gualandri, who stands beside her. The wedding took place recently in the Viceroy's palace at Addis Ababa, ancient city where the former Emperor Haile Selassie held sway.

Gen. Franco Wants Alfonso's Son As King Of Spain Seeks British Support

GENERAL FRANCO'S agent to Britain, the Duke of Berwick and Alba, is to begin almost immediately discussions with the Foreign Office about restoration of the Spanish monarchy, with Don Juan, third son of ex-King Alfonso on the throne, writes W. N. Ever in the *Daily Herald*.

It may seem a little outside the terms of the agreement. But, of course, the Duke could always argue that Don Juan is a Spanish national and that he is safeguarding his interests.

That, however, will not arise. The Foreign Office knows quite well that the Duke's mission is going to be a diplomatic one.

Just to underline it, his first job will be to present to His Majesty's Government both his own credentials and General Franco's answer to the last communication from the Non-Intervention Committee, which has nothing in the world to do either with trade relations or the protection of nationals.

ON CONDITION

The answer will express General Franco's complete willingness to have all volunteers withdrawn and his complete readiness to allow all facilities for the work of the proposed Commissions.

All on condition that the Spanish Government does the same, that land frontier control is restored, and that the recognition of belligerent rights comes at an early stage.

Behind this readiness lies the belief that recognition would enable the insurgents (with a little quiet assistance from "unknown") to clamp down a naval blockade that

would quickly strangle the Loyalists into submission.

INFLUENTIAL FRIENDS

And the General has been assured by the Duke (who has very influential friends in London) that if he offers restoration of the Monarchy as well as withdrawal of volunteers he can be certain of all the diplomatic support he can desire from a British Tory Government.

Wherefore, the Duke will talk of the enthroning—of Don Juan—as a "peace-making King."

He will assure the Foreign Office of General Franco's passionate desire for friendly relations with Britain and of his determination not to join any European bloc.

And generally he will try to persuade his hearers that Franco is bound to win anyway, and that, therefore, the best policy is to make friends with him, give him all sorts of recognition, and help him to finish the war off as quickly as possible.

But there is one awkward point. The Duke of Alba has persuaded the Generalissimo that restoration of the monarchy is essential to make sure of British Tory support.

But the Falangists (who are Franco's best Spanish troops) have no use for kings.

So the spokesman, with one eye on British Tories and the other on the Falangists (and maybe on Catalonia), talks mysteriously of a "Syndicalist Monarchy."

Island Dictator Plans To Be Emperor

IMPERIALISTIC designs of President-Dictator Trujillo, of San Domingo, led to the recent clashes on the Dominican-Haiti frontier.

This was the sensational statement made to the *Daily Herald* correspondent by an American who arrived in Cuba from Porto Rico, the neighbouring island.

San Domingo and Haiti are two Republics on the West Indian island of Hispaniola equal in size to Great Britain.

Trujillo is credited with ambition to rule the whole island.

The Haiti authorities have alleged that thousands of Haitians, who had lived in Dominican territory for many years, have been slaughtered in frontier towns.

In the cafes of Trujillo City—named after the Dominican President—they are saying that Trujillo is a "man of destiny," who "should be Emperor of the whole island."

Trujillo's dictatorial censorship extends even to the cafes where anything but praise for the President can only be whispered.

Now they are whispering that Trujillo has at least 20,000 men ready

for war and that the Haitians, much greater in number, have neither arms nor troops.

But there is a widespread fear of reprisals for the alleged frontier massacres.

And the Government of Haiti declares that only rapid serious inquiry into the alleged massacres, with a view to making reparations, will appease public feeling.

Earlier efforts suggested that the cause of the trouble was that unemployed Haitians had been crossing the frontier into San Domingo on food raids.

Wedding Date Perpetuated

Philadelphia. Gustave Orth, flagpole painter, was married the same day that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Orth, observed their golden wedding anniversary. The father and mother are 78 and 76, respectively.



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STUDY IN PREPAREDNESS

It required no very great amount of imaginative power to experience on Thursday night something of the sensation of hopelessness and helplessness which must be the lot of so many thousands of people today, and to-morrow, who are in danger of bombing from the air or some form of attack from land or sea. Hongkong's first effective "black-out" was more than a valuable test of phrase of our defences. It was a practical lesson for thousands in the necessity of co-operation in times of emergency. The dropping of an invisible aircraft, the stabbing fingers of the search-lights, and crawling, dim-lit traffic and the up-turned faces of tens of thousands of people, who unconsciously spoke in whispers, lent a somewhat disturbing air of realism to the experiment. The nervous excitement of the crowd could be sensed. What would have happened in Nathan Road at 10 p.m. if someone had set off a giant firecracker in the middle of the thoroughfare? Or even a little one? Panic, very likely. It might have been short-lived; but there was no question of the general mass of the people being ripe for it. How much more dangerous the situation, how much greater the risk of stampede, had the air raid alarm been a reality. From this incident the observant will have learned, then, the desirability of drilling the community in the steps to be taken in emergencies.

The disciplining of crowds is simplified if there is some certainty that in moments of stress they will react in a predictable fashion. By training the populace, it should be possible to make any mass movement almost automatic. If men and women are drilled in an appointed task, they will attempt to carry it out even in an extremity of fear. It has become a matter of habit, a sort of reflex action. It is when a crowd has no object in view except blind flight and a wild desire to find a hole to hide in that it becomes ungovernable. That is panic. To prevent such a contingency it would seem necessary to organise some system of training, to adopt some well-conceived plan of action in which every member of the community will have some part, though it be nothing more than going home by the quickest route.

Representatives of the general public have already been introduced to the practical methods of combatting gas and the consequences of bombing. Of the several hundreds of men who attended the first of a

M.P.s have been complaining of the food that is served to them in the House of Commons. They have been complaining in particular of the fish which "always looks and tastes the same."

I do not know how far this is true of fish in the House of Commons, but it is true of fish in a good many places outside the House of Commons. It is certainly true of the fish in the railway dining-cars on one or two lines that I could name.

It has often struck me that the cooks in dining-cars must have some special process for extracting the flavour from fish before serving it. I do not mind this so much when the fish is cod, for cod seems to me to have no flavour that is worth preserving. But why make the choicer fishes taste like cod that has lost what wretched flavour it once possessed? This is one of the mysteries of travel.

series of lectures at the China Fleet Club on Monday last many will probably have drafted, in their own minds, tentative schemes for the organisation of their office staffs to meet the emergency of bombing or gas attack. The Government obviously has some plan in mind whereby heads of firms and their subordinates will organise units and educate staffs in the work to be done to combat fire and poison fumes during the day. The plan will be doubly valuable if it envisages some sort of instruction to the Chinese community which can be passed on to the mass of the people and applied by night.

Once again it is as well to remind the public that although these precautions are aimed at no immediate threat, they are directed against a very definite danger. Because the emergency has not arrived in the past is no excuse for denying its existence. Procrastination in such a matter cannot be condoned. It is the duty of every intelligent citizen to exert himself to help any precautionary scheme which the Government introduces to work as smoothly as possible. Preparedness entails precautions, and unless these are systematically and conscientiously studied and perfected, their application will not meet with the success that means protection. This is a time for study. The application of the knowledge to be gained may never be required, but at least Hongkong will be the richer for the peace of mind which comes with the assurance that everything possible has been done to ensure the security of the people.

ROBERT LYND'S SATURDAY ESSAY



The Fish Always Tastes The Same

the thought of the dropped jaws of the diners at sight of their unspeakable and uneatable dishes.

Why, for example, except in order to torture gourmets, do cooks beat and carve boiled cabbage into those loathsome triangles, the very look of which makes one feel that one is no longer hungry?

Many people, reduced by experience to despair, are convinced that there is no other way of cooking and serving cabbage. Yet the cabbage is an honest and eatable vegetable, even after the first flush of its spring tenderness, and I for one maintain that a well-cooked cabbage is preferable to a water-logged cauliflower.

BUT, if one is in a complaining mood, one can find a good many things to complain about besides cabbage. The beef, for example, that by some miracle has been made as insipid as the gravy that is served with it; the sweetbreads that have been ingeniously converted into a dish of gutta-percha; the Lancashire hotpot in which an assortment of bare bones flaunt it among the potatoes in faintly-tinted water; and—worst crime of all, perhaps—the apple-tart in which the crust has been cooked separately from the fruit. There is nothing to compare with the hideousness of a triangle of boiled cabbage except the hideousness of a triangle of bogus apple-tart.

ON the whole, however, it is not the deterioration of the food itself that makes philosophers mourn, but the way in which it is prepared in too many hotel kitchens and restaurant kitchens.

There are, everyone will agree, plenty of first-class hotels and restaurants; but there are others in which I sometimes think the cooks must be Sadists, taking a malevolent delight in

Sometimes, when I am faced with one of these dishes, I wonder whether men of other ages had as much to complain about at table as we have. Most of the people who wrote about food

in the past seem to have enjoyed their meals as a rule. If I knew as much about diaries and diarists as Lord Ponsonby, I might be able to recall some complaints about cooking from the writings of the famous dead. As it is, I think of most of the eaters of the past as cheerful, rakish fellows who simply did not know what it was to be served with a tough steak or underdone mutton or a section of salmon that had been boiled and reboiled every evening for a week.

It is true that the proverb "God sends meat, but the Devil sends cooks," is a fairly old one. Even so, I doubt whether any previous generation contained so many people who grumble about food as our own.

When the diaries of men now living are ultimately published I am sure they will teem with references to fish, vegetables and everything else that the hand of man—or woman—can spoil by cookery. I wish I could get a peep into one of these diaries. I am sure it would contain bitter accounts of the soggy scrambled eggs served at the hotel breakfast, of the leathery tongue served from the cold buffet at lunch, of the tinned spinach that appeared on the table at dinner, of the white coffee in which fragments of the skin of milk floated about like Rhine maidens.

IF women loved food as men do, the deplorable state of affairs that produces these complaints could, of course, never have arisen. For, whereas a man has the courage to complain about food only to his friends or in the secrecy of a diary, a woman equally addicted to food would send the dishes back to the kitchen till she got something that was not only eatable but agreeable to the palate and the eye.

Since women refuse to take a proper interest in food, however, the next best thing is for the grumblers to have the M.P.s on their side. M.P.s are the men who above all others get things done; and, if M.P.s begin to think seriously about food, we may see before long revolutionary changes in the kitchen.

After all, several of them have already noticed that the fish always tastes the same. That is a promising beginning.

Not that I care much about food myself; but I like grumbling about it. And how some of those chefs play up to my weakness!

BULLS AND INNERS

From the Office Butts

Christmas Hampers. This is the sort of obstacle we are always able to surmount.

Lugard Road seemed to be a popular point of vantage when the lights were out. We observed quite a lot ourselves.

There will be some excuse for blue noses this winter, with coal a dollar-fifty per scuttle.

We think it about time that the Hongkong Golf Club announced what exactly is to be bogey for feminine fashion in shorts.

A Leopard may not be able to change his spots, but this is the season when Yaumati Cat is liable to become number-one fox!

We understand that at one "Black-Out" party, a lady kissed her husband for five minutes without discovering it.

Commenting on the "Black-Out" a contemporary states "It may be possible to restrict the beams by means of funnels round the lamps. Why not blow them out?"

RABBITS' EYES TO MAKE BLIND PEOPLE SEE

SURGEON TO GIVE RESULTS OF EXPERIMENTS

Thousands of blind human beings, many of whom have been sightless since birth, will, it is expected, be able to see through the eyes of rabbits in the near future.

Mr. J. W. Tudor Thomas, the Cardiff eye-grafting surgeon, has been trying for several years to breed rabbits which have corneas large enough for grafting on diseased human eyes.

These experiments, it is understood, have been successful, and it is believed that Mr. Thomas will shortly announce the results of his experiments to the medical profession.

The cornea of an ordinary-sized rabbit is too small to be grafted on a human eye, although Mr. Thomas has found that it is suitable in other respects.

The cornea is the external translucent skin of the eye, which in some eye diseases becomes opaque.

UNLIMITED

In an eye-grafting operation this opaque cornea is removed, and a normal healthy one is grafted in its place.

Eye surgeons have been handicapped by the shortage of available human corneas. They have had to rely on being able to take them from people blinded through other causes.

The number of healthy corneas obtainable from this source is very small, and the supply is limited further by the fact that they must have certain technical characteristics to be suitable.

Mr. Tudor Thomas's race of gigantic rabbits will provide an unlimited supply suitable for giving sight to blind people.

The rabbit-breeding experiments are taking place in laboratories in Cardiff.

OFFERS

So great is the demand for corneas that people with normal eyesight have offered to lose the sight of one eye to benefit relatives.

Recently an article appeared in the *Lancet* describing how eyes removed from the dead have been successfully used for eye-grafting operations.

The eyes removed from corpses were preserved in an air-tight jar in an ice chest at a temperature a few degrees above freezing point.

It was stated that the results from corneas obtained in this way were as good as those obtained from living eyes.

People have come from as far as New Zealand and Canada to be operated on by Mr. Thomas at the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital, Judd-street, London, W.C.

DOCTOR GAVE LIFE TO BABY BORN DEAD

From a little house in Colley-row, Bedford, people can hear the occasional cry of a baby born during the week-end.

When the local doctor called at Colley-row to help Mrs. Watkins with her first child he did not expect any difficulties—just another birth.

But the baby, a girl, was born dead—or apparently so—for there was an obstruction in her throat that prevented her breathing.

No took a chance in a million, gave the baby an injection, then held her up by her legs and shook her. Out flew the obstruction like a bullet.

Then he breathed into the baby's mouth and in about half an hour had the joy of seeing her come to life.

SAVED BY SHADOW

A shadow over him made sixty-three-year-old Edwin Day, of Liverpool-road, N., look up as he stood in Beauvais-place, Holloway.

The shadow was cast by Albert Chalk, thirty-five-year-old telephone mechanic, of Ferny-road, East Barnet, falling forty feet from a roof.

Mr. Day stepped aside instinctively. Chalk crashed to the pavement at his side, was killed.

Said Mr. Day: "I felt him brush past my arm."

No Will—But 3,500 Lawyers

Philadelphia.

No will was found when the body of Mrs. Henrietta Edwardina Garrett, whose £6,000,000 fortune has been claimed by 17,000 people, was exhumed at Laurel Hill cemetery, Philadelphia.

The exhumation was ordered on a petition filed by Mrs. Henrietta Garrett Ferguson, of Haverford, Pennsylvania, one of the ten claimants left after successive eliminations.

Claimants have briefed 3,500 lawyers to prosecute their claims, and it is thought that it will take the courts fifteen years to decide on the disposal of the property.

BOY FLIES SOLO AFTER TWO HOURS' TUITION

George Uden, eighteen-year-old Hythe (Kent) boy, broke air school records when he flew solo after only 1 hour 55 minutes' piloting instruction at Lympne airport.

His friend, John Richards, flew alone after only 2 hours 50 minutes' teaching. Normal time is 15-20 hours.

Chief Lympne instructor David Llewellyn says their success is the result of teaching them to fly by ground demonstrations before they get into a plane at all.

Uden and Richards are two of the six pilot-pupil members of a new youth training scheme. They pay 6d. a week towards their flying bill.

FLYING CLUB CLAIMS RECORD

A RECORD for all flying clubs in Malaya is claimed by the Royal Singapore Flying Club by their feat of flying a total of 315 hours during October.

The number of members who flew during the month was 60. Five obtained their "A" licences for solo planes, while Miss E. M. Uniceles became the first woman member to gain a ticket for land planes.

"Flying for anti-aircraft height finding continued during the month," says the report signed by J. C. Cooke, the club captain, "and gunners who suspected the accuracy of our flying accompanied our pilots from time to time, and expressed surprise at the accurate heights kept and recorded on these flights."

More members were indulging in aerobatics. "This is to be encouraged," says the captain, "as it makes for accurate flying, but 'aerobatic' landings are not popular."

Dogcatcher Soft-Hearted

Kirkville, Mo.

This city boasts of a dogcatcher who doesn't consider his job done until he finds a home for the wandering pets he takes to the pound.

Death Changes Toast

Budapest.

Heinrich Weiss invited a group of friends to a village inn where they were to celebrate his 55th birthday. A friend stood to wish a long life to the host, whereupon Weiss fell dead.



Here is the latest popularity Queen—Miss Photo—who was elected in a recent Paris competition. Here she is facing a battery of cameras.

'OFF WITH THE OLD LOVE' HUSBANDS ATTACKED BY M.P.s

(By William Barkley)

The House of Commons provided an unusually interesting Friday discussing a Bill to stop husbands disinheriting their widows and children.

It was introduced by Mr. J.S. Holmes (Lib. Nat.—Harwich), who said:—

"It will stop such cases as that of a man who has been married for twenty years to a woman who has given him the best years of her life suddenly making a will in favour of some young woman who has swept him off his feet, thus leaving his widow and children destitute."

Major Dower (Penrith—Cons.) opposed the Bill. He admitted such hard cases. "A devoted wife," he said, "may be left penniless on the death of her husband because of some new love for some fluff bit of stuff when he was an old man."

"I should like to see such cases stopped. It should be compulsory for a man to leave a specified sum to his wife, but he should leave everything to a good wife."

'VEXATIOUS'

He opposed the Bill because it would lead to vexatious litigation of the worst kind—the kind which divided families.

He read this letter, which he said had been sent to him from the head of one of the biggest businesses in Sunderland:—

"I have worked since I was thirteen, starting with nothing. My wife has helped me daily throughout my life. I have a bad son, aged twenty-five. Although his mother and myself and the rest of the family are life-long abstainers, he persists and has persisted for years in spoiling his own life and our lives."

"Our son is not fit to inherit my money. Should the Bill be passed against your ideas and the good judgment of the House, we shall certainly get rid of this money before we depart from this vale of tears. God guide you in your good work."

Parliament then witnessed the wholesome and refreshing spectacle of lawyers refusing good money.

"The Bill will prove a perfect goldmine for the lawyers," said Sir Archibald Southby (Epsom—Cons.), "and I do not believe the legal profession will let it pass."

Many M.P.s laughed loudly at the picture of Chancery refusing £1 Dorado, but oddly enough it was a true picture, because the most strenuous opponent of the Bill was Chancery barrister Mr. W. P. Spens (Aberford—Cons.).

He and other lawyers contrasted the simple Scottish law with the proposed Bill that the aggrieved widow or children must make application to the courts to have the will altered.

In Scotland, when a man dies his widow is automatically entitled to one-third of his movable property

and his children to another third of it.

"I frankly prefer a modification of Scots law if there is to be any legislation for England," said Mr. Spens. "Surely it is better to give a wife and family some sort of definite right from the beginning. But under this Bill every person within the requisite degree of relationship will be able to go to court and say that the provisions of a will are unreasonable."

'APPALLED'

"Knowing human nature as I do, I am absolutely appalled at the prospect of the litigation which would be opened up for dissatisfied people to go to the courts as a right."

"An interfering mother-in-law or sister-in-law might think that a widow was flitting and might dissipate her husband's money before the children of the marriage attained the age of twenty-one."

"They would make application before the Court of Chancery to have provision made for the children, although the father might have had perfect confidence in the widow's ability to look after the children."

Supporters of the Bill retorted that if it became law testators would no longer make wills which they knew the courts would have power to set aside. No solicitor would permit his client to make a will in defiance of the Bill.

Every speaker favoured relief for the destitute widow and children. Although the terms of this Bill caused so much argument its principles had overwhelming support.

When Mr. Barlow (Barnard—Cons.) looked like talking out the discussion, when the House was due to adjourn at four o'clock, the closure was carried by 159 votes to 29.

This is a big Friday vote and a big vote for carrying the Bill further. The second reading was then carried without a division at all.

Mint Becomes Arms Factory

Pretoria, South Africa.

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12.40 Hawaiian Music. Papalina Lullaby (Johnny Noble); Haleiwa (Wood); Ray Kinney with Dick McIntire's Harmony Trio; Hawaiian Love-Waltz (Hokitika); Nai Lane's Hawaiian Orchestra. Vocal refrain by N. Lopez and Trio; Maybe It's The Moon (Whiting); Rock Me In A Cradle Of Kailua (Wending); Frank Ferera's Hawaiian Trio; On The Beach Of Waikiki (Kailimali); Hilo Hilo (Hokitika); Waikiki Stone-Wall Boys.

1.00 Time and Weather.

1.03 Czech Philharmonic Orchestra.

Slavonic Dance No. 11 in F Major; Slavonic Dance No. 13 in D Flat Minor; Slavonic Dance No. 18 in A Flat Major (Dvorak).

1.15 Latest Dance Tunes. Fox-Trot—The Toy Trumpet; Nat Gonella and His Georgians; Waltz—You Needn't Have Kept It A Secret; Fox-Trot—Moon At Sea; Bonnie Munro and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Ten Pretty Girls; Nat Gonella and His Georgians; Toodle-oo; Brian Lawrence and His Lonsdowne Orchestra; In An Old Cathedral Town; Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Variety. Dance Orchestra—Im Gonna Kiss Myself Good-Bye—Fox-Trot; One In A Million (from the film)—Fox-Trot; Brian Lawrence and His Lonsdowne Orchestra; Trumpet—Until The Real Thing Comes Along (Cahn-Chaplin-Freeman); High Hat; Trumpet and Rhythm (Valaida); Valaida (Queen of the Trumpet) with Swing Accompaniment; Vocal Duet—All Because Of You (Low, Clarke, Browning and Starr); Let's Go Ballyhoo (Browning, Starr and Brooks); Browning and Starr; Piano—I Have A Heart For Lovely Women—Waltz (Kunze); Fred Stein; Comedian—Julietta (Goer, Vaucalre Smith and Harrington); The Love Bug Will Bite You (Tomlin); Max Miller; Orchestra—I Like Bananas Because They Have No Bones (Yacich); Wah Hoo! (Friend); The Original Hoochie Hot Shots.

2.15 Close Down.

4.00-7.00 Chinese Programme.

7.00 Brahms—Quartet in A Minor Op. 51, No. 2.

Played by the Loner String Quartet.

7.35 Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market.

7.38 Studio—Doreen Ma at the Piano.

1. Medley from 'Wake Up and Live'; Intro: There's a Lull in my Life; It's swell of you; Never in a Million Years; Wake Up and Live; 2. Truckin'; 3. Stardust; 4. Tea for Two.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 London Relay—'As I See It'—G.

A talk by the Rt. Hon. Margaret Bondfield, L.D.

8.20 London Philharmonic Orchestra and Alexander Kipnis (Bass).

Pressart Overture, Op. 10 (Elgar); Orchestra; Der Doppelgänger; Aufenthalt (Schubert); Alexander Kipnis with Piano accompaniment by Frank Bibb; L'Arlesienne Suite (No. 2—Bizet); Farnado; Menuet; Orchestra.

8.50 London Relay—'London Log'—A talk by Cyril Gardner.

9.00 Variety. Humorous Sketch—Sandy Goes Courtin'; Sandy Powell and Company; Vocal—What Have You Done To My Heart (film 'Cafe Collette'); Twelfth Serenade; Charlie Wright and Twelfth Serenade; Humorous Sketch—The Cure (Hick-coughs); Cicely Courtneidge and Jack Hulbert assisted by Laurence Green and Cecile Dixon; Vocal—Mad Dogs and Englishmen (from 'Words and Music'); Lover of my Dreams (from 'Cavalcade'); Noel Coward (Baritone); Humorous—John Henry's Night Out; John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof-Garden Grill-Room of the Hongkong Hotel.

1. Smiley; 2. Moon got into my eyes; 3. After you; 4. Blue Danube.

10.10 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

10.15 5. Lovely One; 6. Turn on that red hot heat; 7. That old Feeling; 8. Melody in F.

10.20 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

10.40 9. Half way to Heaven; 10. Dream of Love; 11. Wouldn't it break your heart; 12. Skater's Waltz.

10.55 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

11.00 13. On a little bamboo bridge; 14. Sweet Lullaby; 15. Medley of Hawaiian Hulas; 16. Honey-suckle Rose.

11.15 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

11.20 17. Love, what have you done; 18. Adios Argentina; 19. Cubanero; 20. Cuba Libre.

11.35 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

11.45 21. Whispers in the dark; 22. Public Melody No. 1; 23. Stop!

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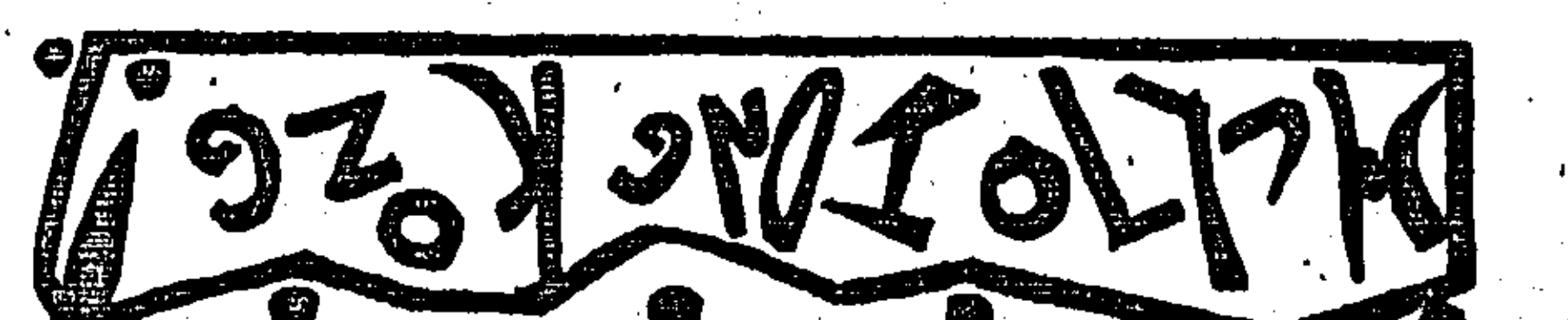
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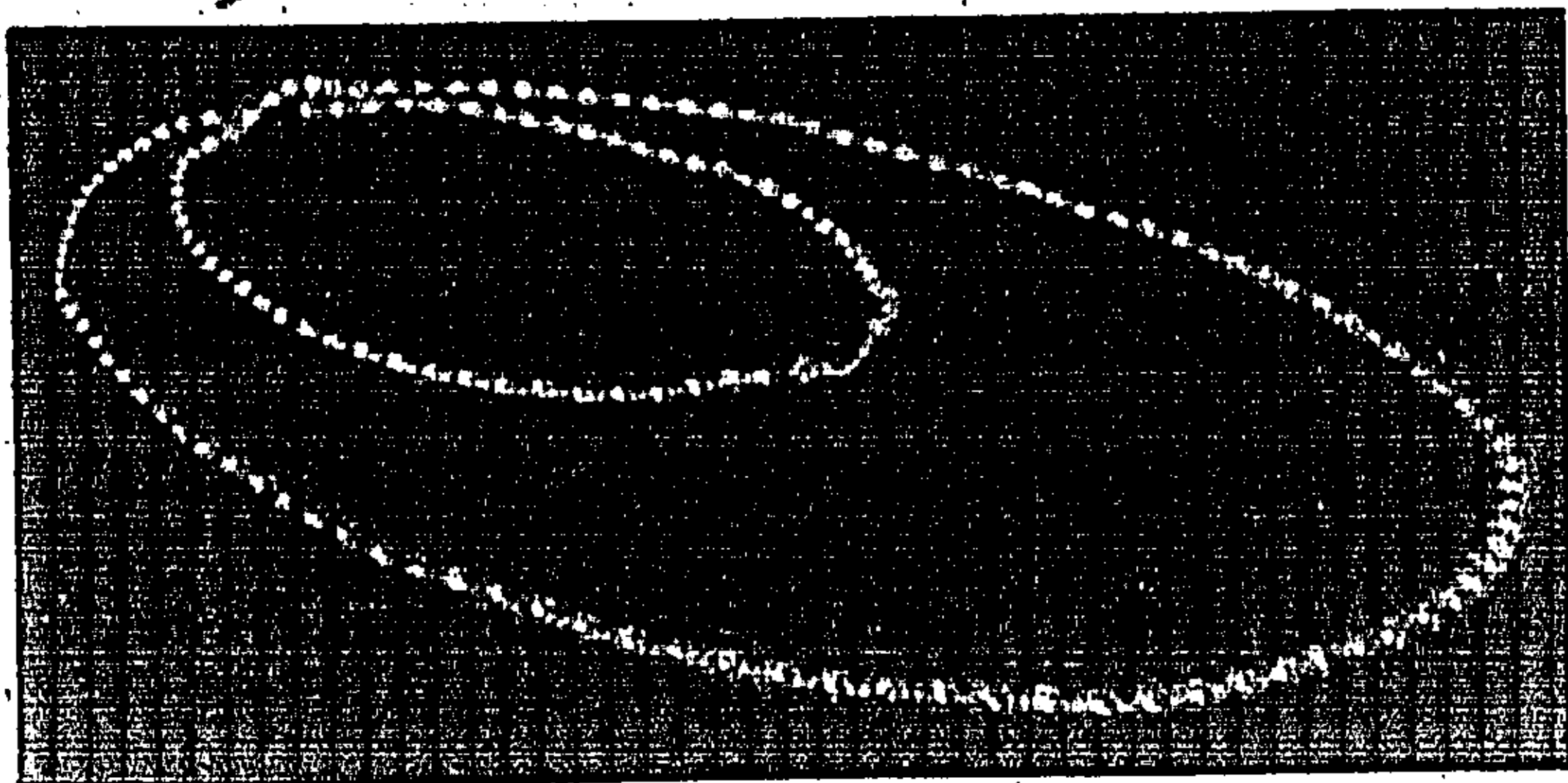
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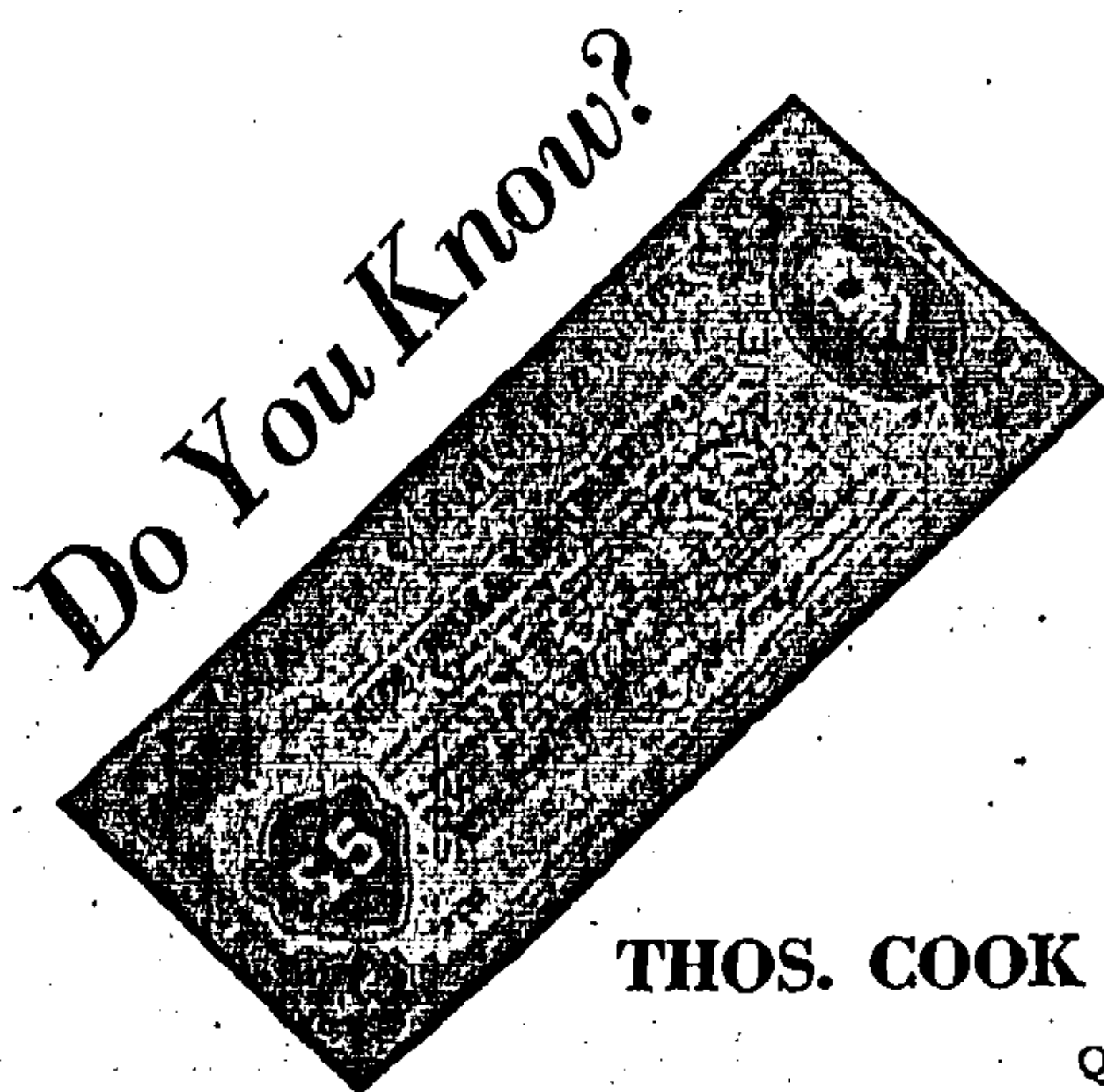
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BOOKS

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The gift-book season has arrived, and here are jackets from some of the early comers.

THE CAMFORD VISITATION
By H. G. Wells
(Methuen, 2s.)

If you had been in the university town of Camford this spring you might have heard and seen strange things. For, just about that time, a Voice made itself known in the sacred precincts of learning. A slightly metallic, very civil Voice—but merciless and inexorable.

Well, that Voice first spoke in the dining-room of Holy Innocents College. The Master was talking to some colleagues, deprecating a monstrous proposal for setting up schools in modern commercial and industrial history. The Early Greeks had got on beautifully without all this sort of crudity. And so could Camford.

At which point the Voice said, very clearly and distinctly, "What do you mean by education?" It seemed to come from the carpet. But, when they lifted the covers, there was nothing there. And then the Voice was heard by little Trumber, one of those donnish folk who play around in a genteel literary world and hate and detest the self-educated grand-boy vulgarity of Shakespeare, Hardy or Dickens. The Voice didn't spare his feelings.

"What is this literature you are talking about?" it asked. "What in the name of time and the stars do you think you are doing here?"

After which the Voice really got down to business, telling professors and deans what hopeless, helpless failures they were. You realise neither the dangers nor the possibilities of human life. You fail to organise. You fail to educate.

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"When the catastrophe comes may be it will find dressed up in its gowns and its Gothic, performing its age-old functions of keeping education within limits and obstructing the growth of any controlling intelligence in the world."

I shan't disclose the climax of this strange affair. Suffice it to say that the Voice, which speaks in oddly familiar, Wellsian accents to the end, says its devastating say and leaves the university two clear alternatives—to atone in its complacent juice or to See What Can Be Done Before It Is Too Late.

The parable form perfectly suits the author's comminatory genius. Not a word is wasted. Individuals and types are sketched—and pilloried—with a few acid touches. The humour is deadly. The indictment mounts almost imperceptibly until, suddenly, mankind itself is up for judgment.

I should like to think this tale would lead all our universities—especially the older ones—to hold inquiries on themselves. Meanwhile, *The Camford Visitation* asks, in slightly metallic, very civil, inexorable accents, to be read.

KATRINA
By Sally Salminen
(Thornton Butterworth, 7s. 6d.)

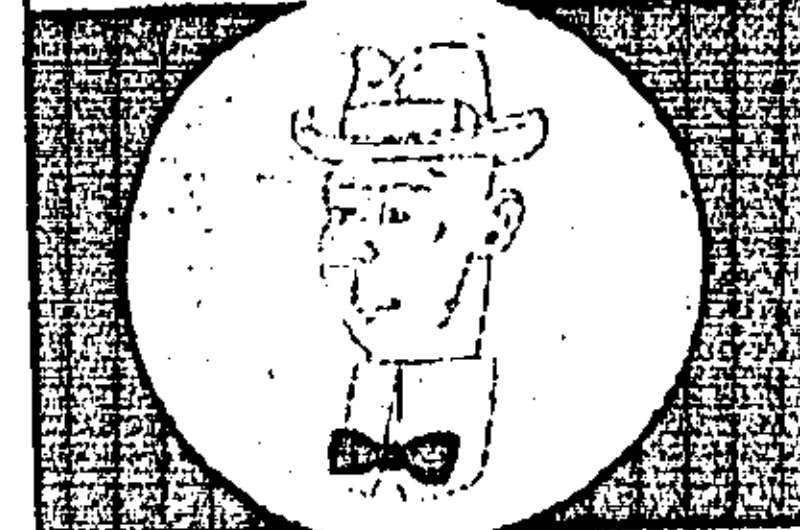
HERE is a novel written by a kitchenmaid while she was working in the household of an American millionaire—a novel so good that Nobel Prize-winners Sigrid Undset and Selma Lagerlöf have sung its praises.

In my view, the author would deserve that praise even if the world were not so full of snobs that finding a servant to be artist did not arouse surprised comment. For she has a natural talent for storytelling—and she has used it to write about the things she knows.

Herself the daughter of a poor Finnish sailor and farmer, she tells us about just such a woman as her childhood neighbour might have been. Life on the Aland Islands is not easy, and Katrina, married to a shiftless hus-



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band, had a hard time. But she also had courage and integrity.

She and her children worked on the land while her irresponsible mate was at sea. Existence was an incessant struggle with poverty and the elements. Yet it was a full and useful life, and, for all those tragic experiences and bitter disappointments, Katrina left me stimulated and admiring.

Sally Salminen obviously did not brood over her pots and pans. Remembering what was best in the land she had left, she has recorded it faithfully and joyfully here.

R. P.

"DANGLE"

HERE I LIE
By Alex. M. Thompson ("Dangle")
Introduction by Lord Snell
(Routledge, 15s.)

MY friend "Dangle" has written one of the liveliest and most entertaining autobiographies I have read for a long time.

Born in Germany seventy-six years ago—"through no fault of mine"—he went through the Paris Commune, became a Socialist in the old pioneer days, drifted into journalism, saw France, Belgium, Stockholm, Petrograd and Moscow during and after the Great War, served under Northcliffe, became a playwright and now, in his ripe old age, ends up where he began, a convinced Socialist.

A life like this cannot help being full of vivid memories and striking personalities. There is, for instance, that Socialist function in Manchester in the early days when Sanger's circus sent a lion cub, which Katherine Conway named "Dangle" by pouring over its reluctant head a bottle of champagne.

There is William Morris—"a giant of a man with a head of naturally clustered curls... with the breezy air and even the rolling gait of a Viking."

Then there is H. M. Hyndman, the frock-coated and silk-hatted stockbroker, a long-bearded county cricket captain like W. G. Grace, sitting on soap-boxes and telling *Justice*, the old Socialist weekly paper, in the Strand, and Kellie Hardie, "in his light brown trousers, his short blue cloth jacket, his purple muller and his clump-soled boots."

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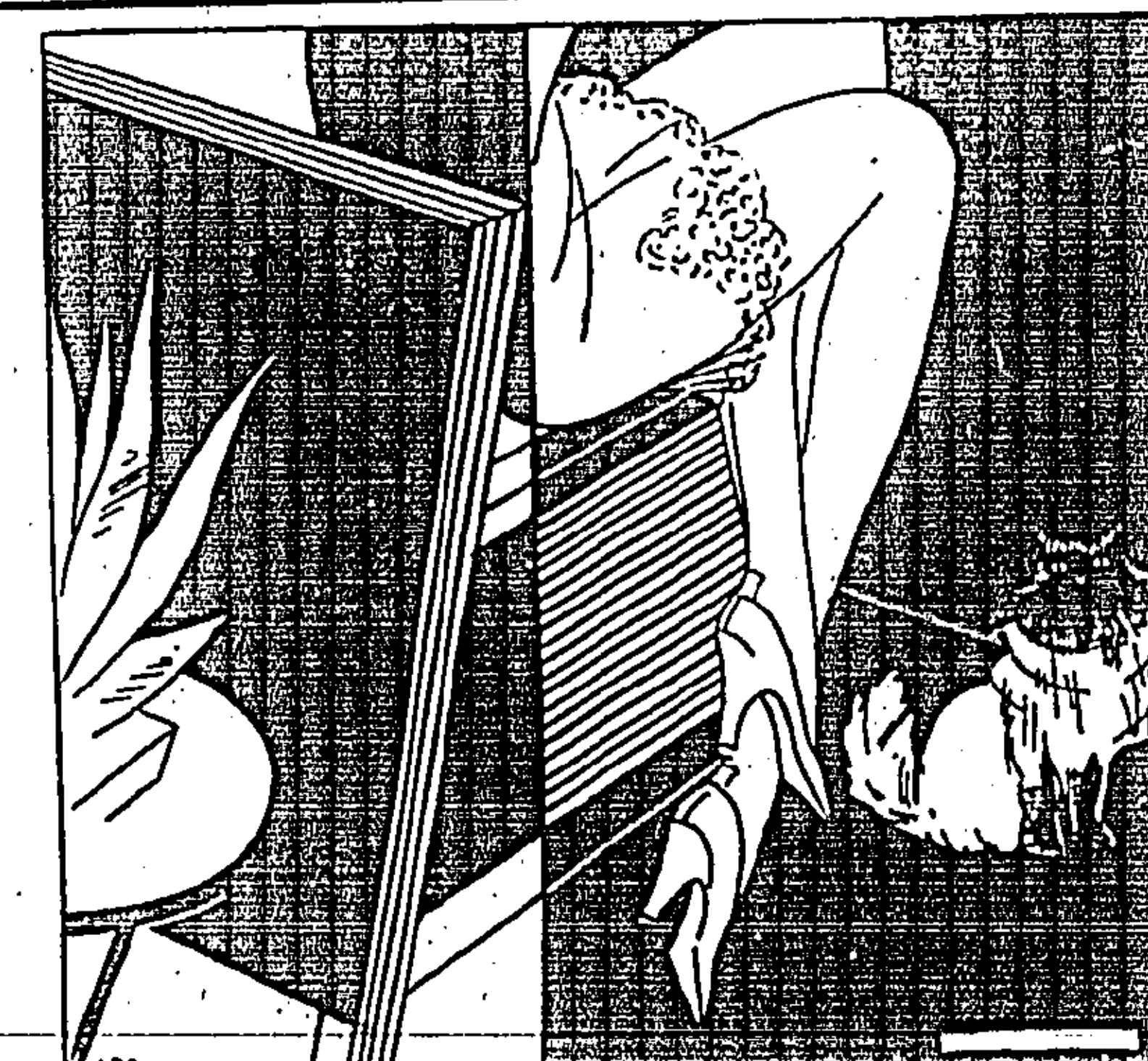
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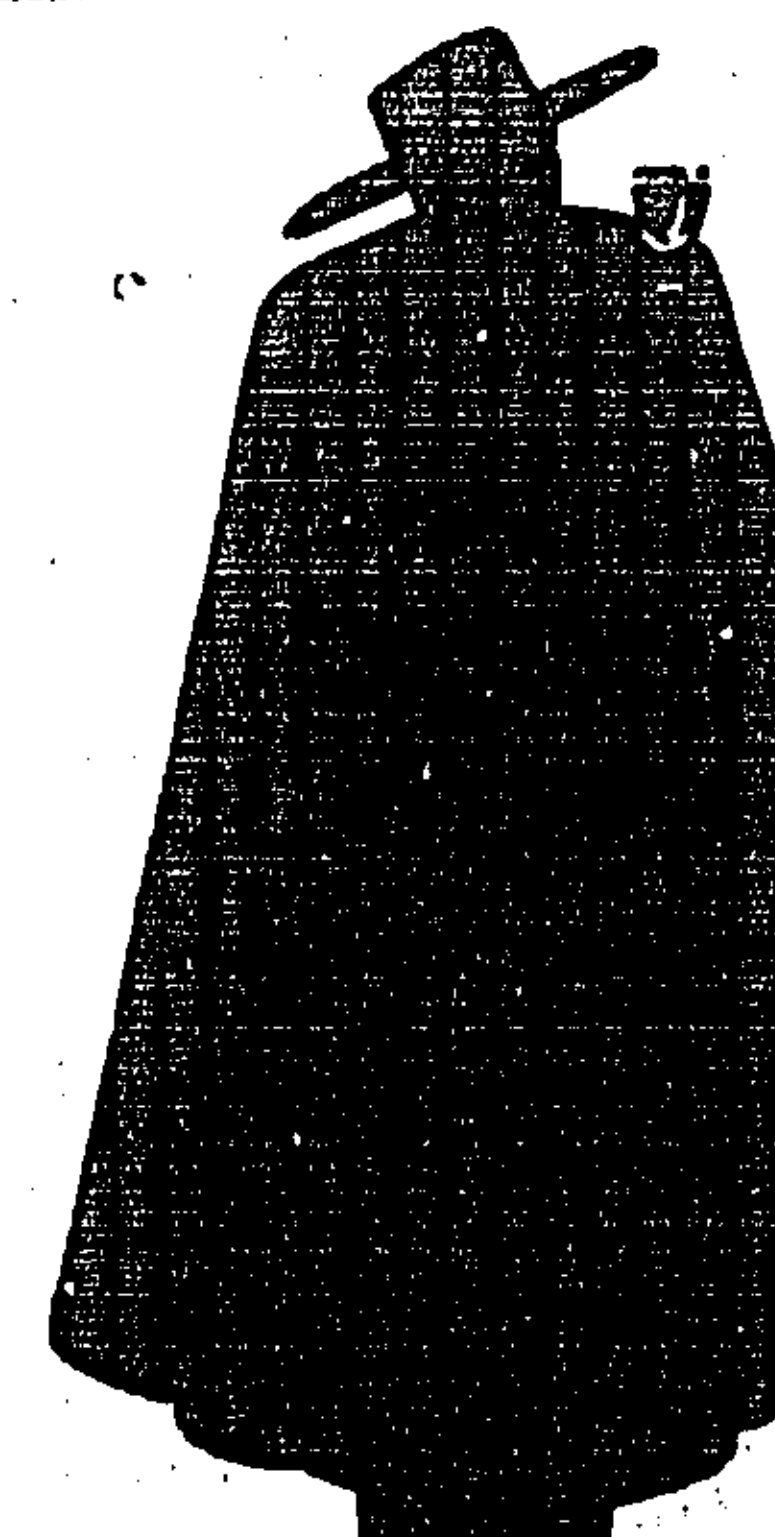
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RECREIO FORGES AHEAD IN BADMINTON LEAGUE

WINS TIE WITH UNIVERSITY LADY UNDERGRADUATES NOT UP TO STANDARD

"The Club de Recreio 'A' negotiated another stiff hurdle in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League last evening when they entertained University and won by six games to three after an interesting encounter.

But for the all-round strength of the Portuguese team, the game might have been very much closer. In P. I. Hui and Miss J. Choa, the under-graduates had a pair who were just as good as any of the Recreio combinations. They proved this by winning two games, in fact they were also within striking distance of the third, but failed against M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, who are probably the best pair in local mixed doubles badminton at the moment.

Miss Choa's improvement is going apace and I feel sure that it will not be long before she takes her place among the front rank here. Her greatest weakness at present seems to be an over-fondness for the drop shot, which she has not yet perfected, but experience will soon teach her that admirable though this stroke is when well executed it is not the only winning one in badminton. She would do well to develop an all-round game.

The three University men, K. L. Yung, P. K. Hui and C. K. Lee found it difficult to score winners against the Recreio ladies; if they had had better support from their own partners, their chances of putting off the game would have been considerably brighter. But, in fairness to them, it must be stated that except for Miss Choa, the other two lady "undergrads" were not playing up to scratch. Nevertheless, the standard of badminton was very high in patches.

ST. ANDREW'S SUCCESS

Thanks almost entirely to E. F. Fincher and Miss F. Wong, who won all their three games, St. Andrew's scored their second success of the season by beating Free Lances by the odd game. It was a fine performance in view of the fact that the Free Lances are recognised as one of the most formidable sides in the Mixed Doubles League. Fincher and Miss Wong won the games comfortably, but against J. L. Anderson and Miss Madge Griffiths, they only got through after "duces" had been called.

SCORES:

RECREIO "A" v. UNIVERSITY

Recreio "A" beat the University 6-3 in the mixed doubles of the Hamilton League last night.

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva (Recreio) beat K. L. Yung and Miss D. N. Lauw 21-14; beat P. I. Hui and Miss J. Choa 21-12; beat C. K. Lee and Miss J. Anderson 21-11.

J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro beat Yung and Miss Lauw 21-9; lost to Hui and Miss Choa 10-21; beat Lee and Miss Anderson 21-10.

ST. ANDREW'S v. FREE LANCES

St. Andrew's beat Free Lances 5-4. P. A. Broadbridge and Mrs. F. Stokes (St. Andrew's) lost to J. L. Anderson and Miss Madge Griffiths 21-11; beat Fisher and Mrs. W. Clark 14-21; beat H. Harris and Mrs. P. McCaw 21-8.

E. F. Fincher and Miss F. Wong beat Anderson and Miss Griffiths 23-20; beat Fisher and Mrs. Clark 21-11; beat Harris and Mrs. McCaw 21-8.

I. Kew and Miss M. Churn lost to Anderson and Miss Griffiths 10-21; lost to

Fisher and Mrs. Clark 21-11; beat Harris and Mrs. McCaw 21-8.

LEAGUE TABLE

	Games	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.
Recreio "A"	3	3 0 0 0 23 4 6
Kowloon Tong	4	3 1 0 0 23 13 6
Free Lances	3	2 2 0 0 15 12 4
St. Andrew's	4	2 2 0 0 14 22 4
University	3	1 2 0 0 15 12 2
Recreio "B"	1	0 1 0 0 4 5 0
Talkoo	4	0 4 0 0 5 31 0

BASEBALL TO BECOME INTERNATIONAL

Series Arranged For World Title

St. Louis, Dec. 3. Plans for the first attempt in semi-professional baseball to establish an international title been completed, with four countries—the United States, Cuba, Mexico and Canada—eligible for entry.

Completion of the schedules was announced recently by Raymond Dumont, president of the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress. Following a conference of semi-pro baseball executives in Louisville, the dates for the 1938 series were set as Sept. 6, 7, 8, 9. The series will be held in Louisville.

The team to represent the United States will be the winner of the national finals at Wichita, Kas., Aug. 12 to 24, Dumont said.

In addition to four countries already chosen for the 1938 series, England and Japan will be invited to participate in the championship. The international champions will be guaranteed minimum cash awards of \$5,000 in addition to expenses, Dumont said.

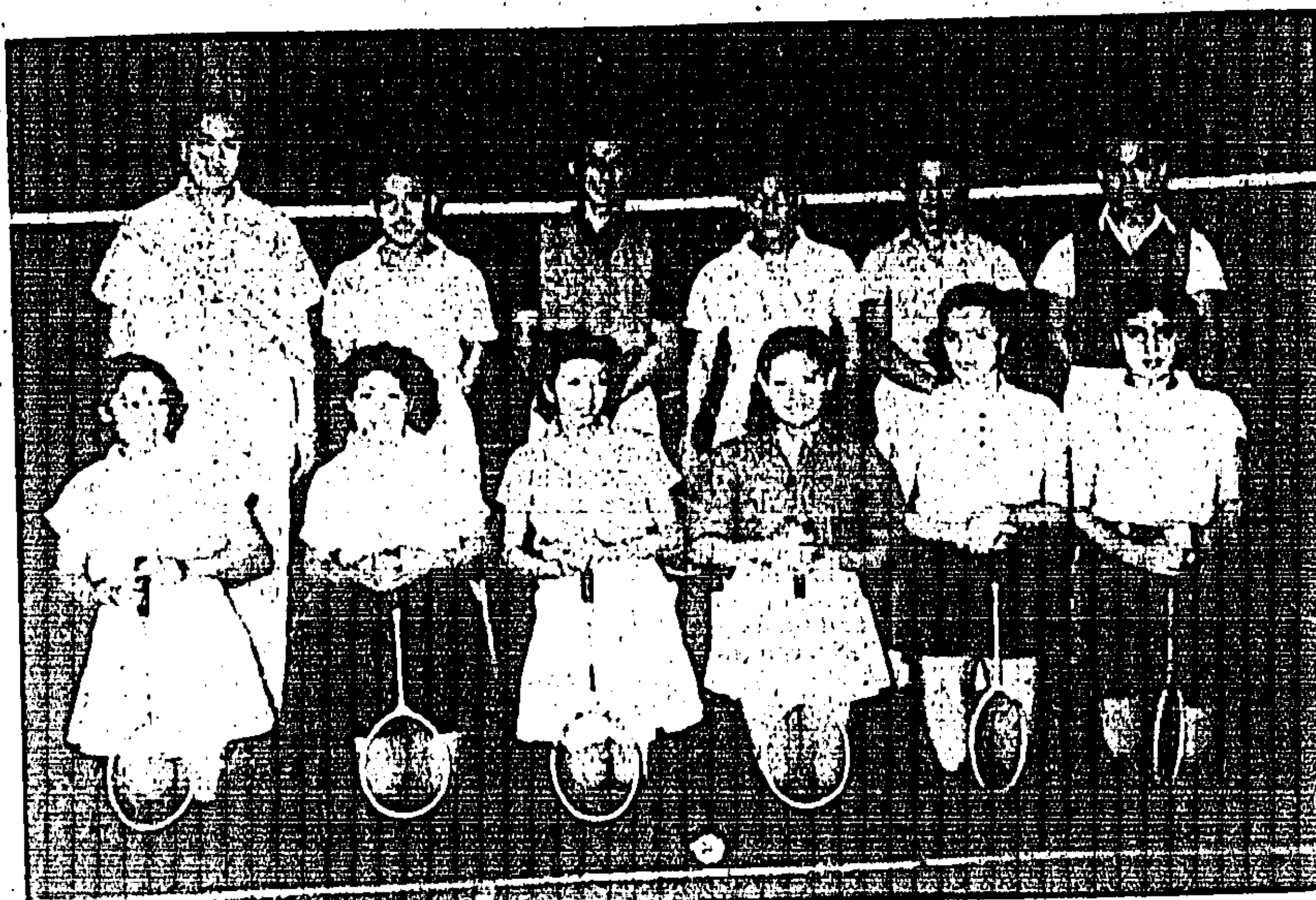
The series will be preceded by 708 district tournaments now being established throughout the United States. The winners will be eligible to compete in the 48 state meets.

National tournaments also are being sanctioned by the semi-pro organization in Havana, Montreal and Monterey.—United Press.

TENNIS FINAL

The final of the Ladies Doubles Championship will be played at the United Services Recreation Club today, commencing at 3 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will attend, after which Lady Northcote will distribute the prizes.



Recreio "A" and University teams which were in opposition in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League last evening. Recreio won the encounter by six games to three. Front Row (left to right): Misses M. Silva, M. Ribeiro, O. Ribeiro, D. Lauw, J. Anderson and J. Choa. Back Row (left to right): J. J. Remedios, P. K. Hui, L. A. Carvalho, K. L. Yung, M. A. Oliveira and C. K. Lee. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

FUSILIER SUCCEEDS IN CLOSE FIGHT

"CROONER" DAVIS DEFEATS AMERICAN MARINE

Shanghai, Dec. 4. While an excited crowd anxiously stood around for a full three minutes after the main event ended, Herbie Gallop, third judge of the final battle between Crooner Davis and Puddy Stoppa handed in his card to award the decision in favour of the Welsh Fusilier, following one of the closest fistic battles the Canidrome has ever seen. Eight rounds of toe-to-toe fighting saw the badly cut Stoppa finally vanquished, although it was not until the judges had passed their decision that the audience knew who was the victor.

Crooner Davis won his fight at the start. Puddy was coming in fast during the latter stages and it can safely be said that had there been two more rounds, honours would have gone to him. As it was, his partisans loudly showed their opinion of the decision.

Once again the boxing sponsors showed their word was law. With the single exception of the semi-final, each fight was packed with thrills and excitement. In each case the fighters were out to win. From the very beginning, when a plucky little Frenchman, San Marco of the French Army, outsluggered Tommy Moore of the Fourth Marines, the crowd saw the kind of bouts they like to see.

RUSSIAN KNOCKED OUT

That fight just before the intermission saw the two jump out of their corners, spar around for only one minute, and then "Sluggo" Jones hit Lojnikoff with a stunning right that slammed the Russian to the floor. Lojnikoff is nobody's fool as a boxer but that punch was too much for him.

Sluggo Jones came into the limelight once more towards the end of the evening. Prior to the main event, Gussaroff, the announcer, made known to the assemblage Sluggo's latest bid for fame—a challenge to fight the winner of the main event, now Crooner Davis.

The French Army were well represented last night as three of their men came out triumphantly. In a bout where San Marco swung and swung again wildly, he managed to connect a sufficient number of times to win. That first round put the crowd in good humour for they saw two fighters out to do their best.

P. O. Kelley, H.M.S. Folkestone, and Legregelos, of the French Army, fought out to a draw. Here again, both were there to win, showing knowledge of boxing that was not hampered by too much defence. Defence did not seem to exist for them. The opening of the first round found them in there, trading blow for blow. They tired easily. But that did not deter them and until the very last minute they gave all they had.

THE "TIGER" WINS AGAIN

Tiger Uoff's driving attack steadily told on Killer Kubink as the Russian hammered at his opponent for six rounds to win by a decision. A slow first canto, and then both warmed up. They held steady for three more rounds. It was in the latter stages of the fight that the Tiger told on the Marine.

The semi-final was a disappointment. Harry Owens and Gravitasky are both good and fast boxers, and that seemed to be their handicap. As they rushed to meet each other, both were on their defence, with the result that the fight was spent more in each other's arms than anything else. Owens finally managed to break away in the last two rounds, connected most of his hard rights and left no doubt as to who was the winner.

After a slow start in the first round Crooner Davis stepped into the ring with three jolting blows, the first real hitting of the main event. It seemed to be a signal for what followed, and as the two jumped out of their corners for the second canto,

Davis once again ran a smashing right to Stoppa, drawing first blood with a cut above the eye. "Puddy" retaliated, driving Davis to the ropes but the Fusilier hesitated for only a moment before returning the onslaught.

CUT BOTHERS STOPPA

That cut eye bothered Stoppa in the third round, more so as Davis was aiming for it. Davis rushed Stoppa, connected with several straight blows only to be jolted in return.

Stoppa seemed to like the ropes, for in the fourth round he several times resorted to the manoeuvre of crashing Davis there. But the Fusilier had his own in the middle of the ring, time and again landing blows that counted for the decision.

Stoppa tried to drive Davis, unsuccessfully in the sixth. Just as it seemed as if the Marine was beginning to have the edge, Davis changed his tactics. He fell back, stopped short, whipped an uppercut at Stoppa and, Stoppa jarred with those hefty blows more than once.

The last two rounds found the Marine driving in again. He slammed into Davis, but the latter was cautious. Davis, towards the end weakened, yet Stoppa's rally in the last round was not sufficient to win the fight.

Fights at a Glance

MAIN EVENT
Davis (Fusiliers 150 lb.) outpointed Stoppa (6th Marines 150 lb.).

SEMI-FINAL
Owens (Fusiliers 130 lb.) outpointed Gravitasky (Shanghai 130 lb.).

SPECIAL EVENT
"Sluggo" Jones (4th Marines 147 lb.) knocked out Lojnikoff (Shanghai 145 lb.).

PRELIMINARIES
Uoff (Shanghai 170 lb.) outpointed Kubink (6th Marines 170 lb.).

Kelly (H.M.S. Folkestone 130 lb.) outpointed Powell (Fusiliers 130 lb.).
San Marco (French Army) outpointed Moore (4th Marines 130 lb.).

Boxing Managers Suspended

London, Nov. 17. The British Boxing Board of Control has announced the suspension of Bill Daly, the American manager of Maurice Strickland, Paul Damski, the German manager of Walter Neusel. Daly's suspension is up to and including Dec. 11, and Damski's until his expiration and no renewal will be granted until Damski has appeared before the stewards.

The action is a sequel to a scene between the two managers after the bout between Strickland and Neusel at Wembley on Oct. 19. Except for the disappointing display of Tiny Eastock against Pierre Louis, official flyweight champion of France, during twelve rounds at Liverpool, this

ANNUAL HOCKEY MATCH

Civilians Clash With Services

(By "The Pilgrim")

Everything is set for the annual hockey match to-morrow between the Civilians and the United Services. The sides, which appear on paper to be evenly-matched, will clash on the Club ground, King's Park, at 3.30 p.m.

Looking over the services team, I find that the selectors have chosen their best eleven. Taking for granted that the Civilians will turn out the team suggested in my notes last Thursday—I hope those left out will not be disappointed—the intermediates, Brown, Reed and Malik, will have a tough time trying to check the fast Services' attack. With the exception of Paraba (Kumans Rifles), the rest of the forwards are from the Rajputana Regiment and will be led by Pritham Nath. The left flank, with Gopal Ram and Paraba, is fast and nippy, and Brown and Guest in particular will have their hands full.

The defences of both sides are well-matched, but I am inclined to think that, should the Civilians concentrate more on the right flank, with Gurbachan Singh and S. Fowler, the Services' left defence, with Spencer and Swanson, may collapse under pressure.

The Civilians' attack is a dangerous one and in P. Pyara Singh they have a fine leader. Bond and Pinto, the left wing combination, will have to give of their best to overcome Ray and Wallace.

GOOD GAME EXPECTED

The game should be fast and interesting. If the Civilians' wing men Fowler and Bond are in form, I predict a victory for them.

I am glad to hear that the selectors have decided should the game end in a draw—that ten minutes' each way extra time will be played.

The following Civilians are requested to turn out at 3.15 p.m. sharp in white shirts and shorts, with dark blue and white ringed stockings:—Ratanam (K.I.T.C.), Guest (Radio), Gosono (Recreio), Gonsalves (Recreio), Brown (Police), Reed (Club), Malik (K.I.T.C.), Marques (Recreio), Fowler (Club), Kraus (V.M.C.A.), G. Singh (Radio), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), Wall (Police), Bond (Club) and Pinto (K.I.T.C.).

The Combined Services will be represented by the following:

MacBride (Navy); Wallace (R.A.F.) and Swanson (R.E.); Ray (R.E.), Land (R.E.), and Spencer (Navy); Shah Wall (Rajputs), Sawal Khan (Rajputs), Pritham Nath (Rajputs), Gopal Ram (Rajputs) and Paraba (Kumans).

They will play in red shirts and blue shorts, with black and red ringed stockings if possible.

Capt. G. W. P. Kimm (Army) and K. Hussain (Civilians) will control the game.

has been a quiet week in the boxing world. Tommy Farr's protégé, Mog Mason, Welsh bantamweight, sails from Southampton for Canada on Wednesday. He will meet Ruby Yack, a rated American bantamweight, and also another well-known fighter before Christmas.

Farr himself has been doing some light training and his trainer, Tom Evans, says that he is little more than two pounds over his best weight.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL BACK TO NORMAL FULL PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK-END

(By "Abe")

League football returns to normal this week-end with a full programme of matches in every division. Five senior games will be played altogether, three this afternoon and two to-morrow; the full quota has also been arranged for the junior sections of the League.

Unless the Police are able to spring a surprise, it does not look as if South China "B" will lose their advantage in the First Division over the week-end. The Caroline Hill players are down to meet the guardians of the peace to-day on their home ground and probably need only to produce normal form to collect the points. I personally doubt very much if the Police can score enough goals to win; but of course a draw is not out of the question. When the teams first met this season, the League leaders were held to 1-1, principally through the fine defensive play of Pile, Bone and Manning. The Police attack will have to improve considerably if they are to get anywhere near the points to-day.

Middlesex and Club clash at Soekunpoo. The military side won comfortably in the first match, and it looks as if they are to collect another two points this afternoon. The Club side is definitely weak these days. The meeting of Kowloon and Seaford should produce some good football, and as the game will be played on the K.F.C. ground, the Peninsula men should be able to hold their own in spite of the fact that the Scots are in fine form at the present moment.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES

Chief attraction to-morrow will be the Eastern-South China "A" tie, which will be played at Causeway Bay. Those who watched the earlier meeting of these two teams this season had no reason to be pleased with the spirit in which the game was contested; there was too much unfair play and frayed tempers were too often in evidence. It is to be hoped that the players in this encounter to-morrow will forget what happened in the other match, and settle down to play good football. Both teams are fully capable of serving up a good brand of it. The point is, will they do so?

The other match is that between St. Joseph's and Kowloon Chinese. It is possible that the Saints will take this opportunity of registering their second victory of the season. The Kowloon Chinese have yet to chalk up their first point, and unless they show "better form to-morrow," it is not likely that they will do so this week-end.

TEAMS SELECTED

Kowloon.—Rowlands; Souza, A. Ulrich; Evans, Bliss, Connor; Conkley, Jorge, D. Knox, V. White and Honnibal.

South China "B".—Tam Kwun-hon; Chung Fai-lam, Lau Mau; Leung In-chun, Lim Tak-po, Chia Kam-lung; Yeung Shiu-yek, Tay Kwai-ling, Chan Tak-fai, Lau Chung-sang and Lee Shek-yau.

Police.—Manning; Bone, Pile; North, Gough, Brittain; Willerton.

MANILA TENNIS FINALS

Success Of F. Ampon

Manila, Dec. 4. Felicissimo Ampon, the "mighty mite" of national tennis courts, won the all-Far Eastern finals in the 1937 National Junior tennis tournament yesterday evening by defeating his fellow team-mate, Juan Landaw, Jr., 6-3 and 0-7. He was extended in the last set but his well-known ability to keep the ball going back at an opponent tells the ultimate story. He was just too steady.

Ampon had won his way into the finals with ease. He drew a bye first before defeating J. Chua of U.P. High without the loss of a set. M. Kahndalling of Arellano High was next on the victim list, being able to garner but a lone game in the two-set match.

It had been expected that both of the Far Eastern luminaries would reach the finals and that Ampon would be the 1937 champion so the dope came out as expected. The finals had been delayed in order to let both of these young stars participate in the matches arranged while the German news, Von Cramm, Henkel and Miss Horn were in Manila.

Jose M. Barredo, vice-president of the PILTA, awarded the trophies after the final match had been played. Epifanio Jaban won the 1937 girls' junior title and Felix Deyro the boys' championship.

The trophy donated by secretary Jorge B. Vargas, and a medal, were won by Ampon by virtue of his victory.—Manila Bulletin.



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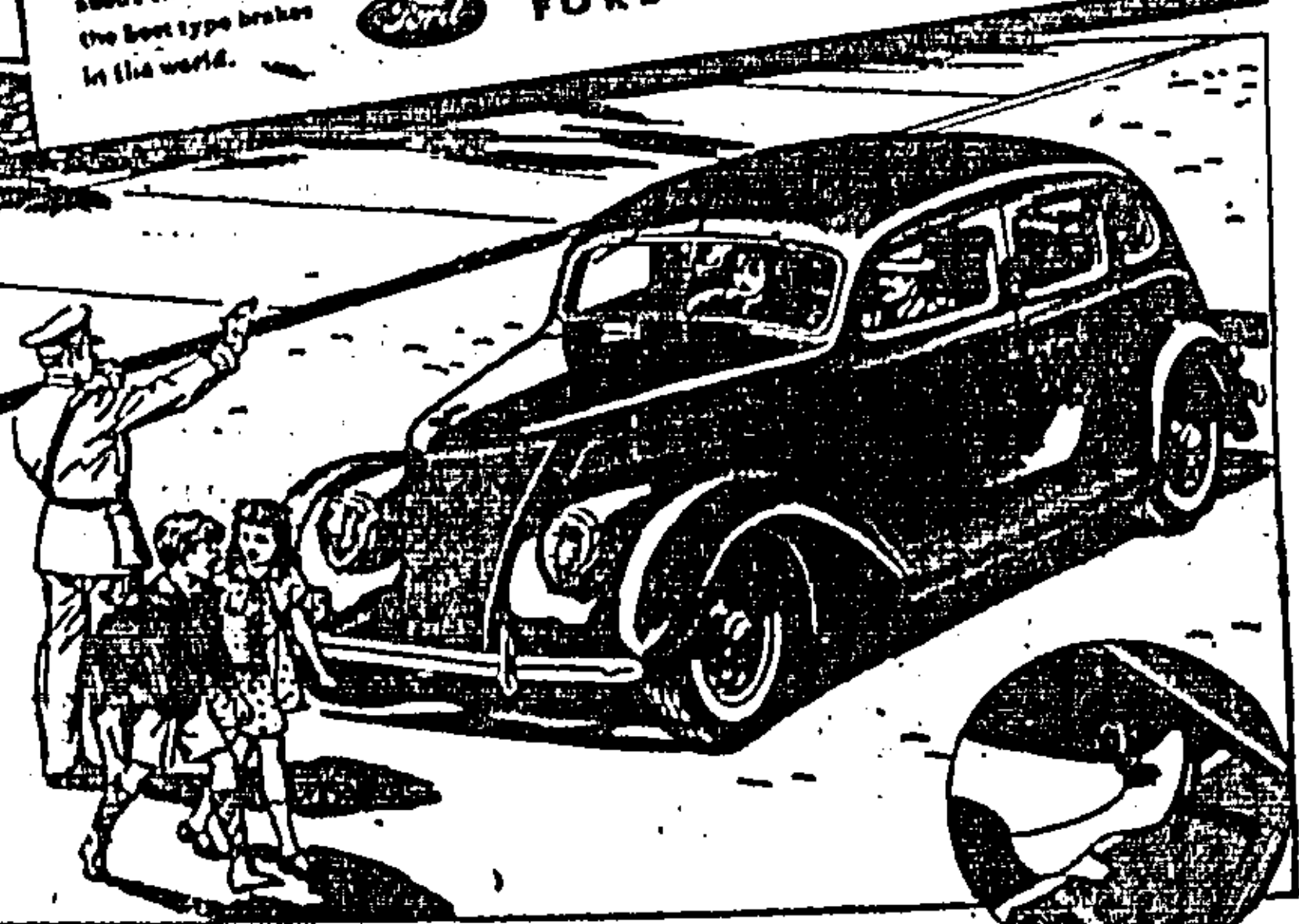
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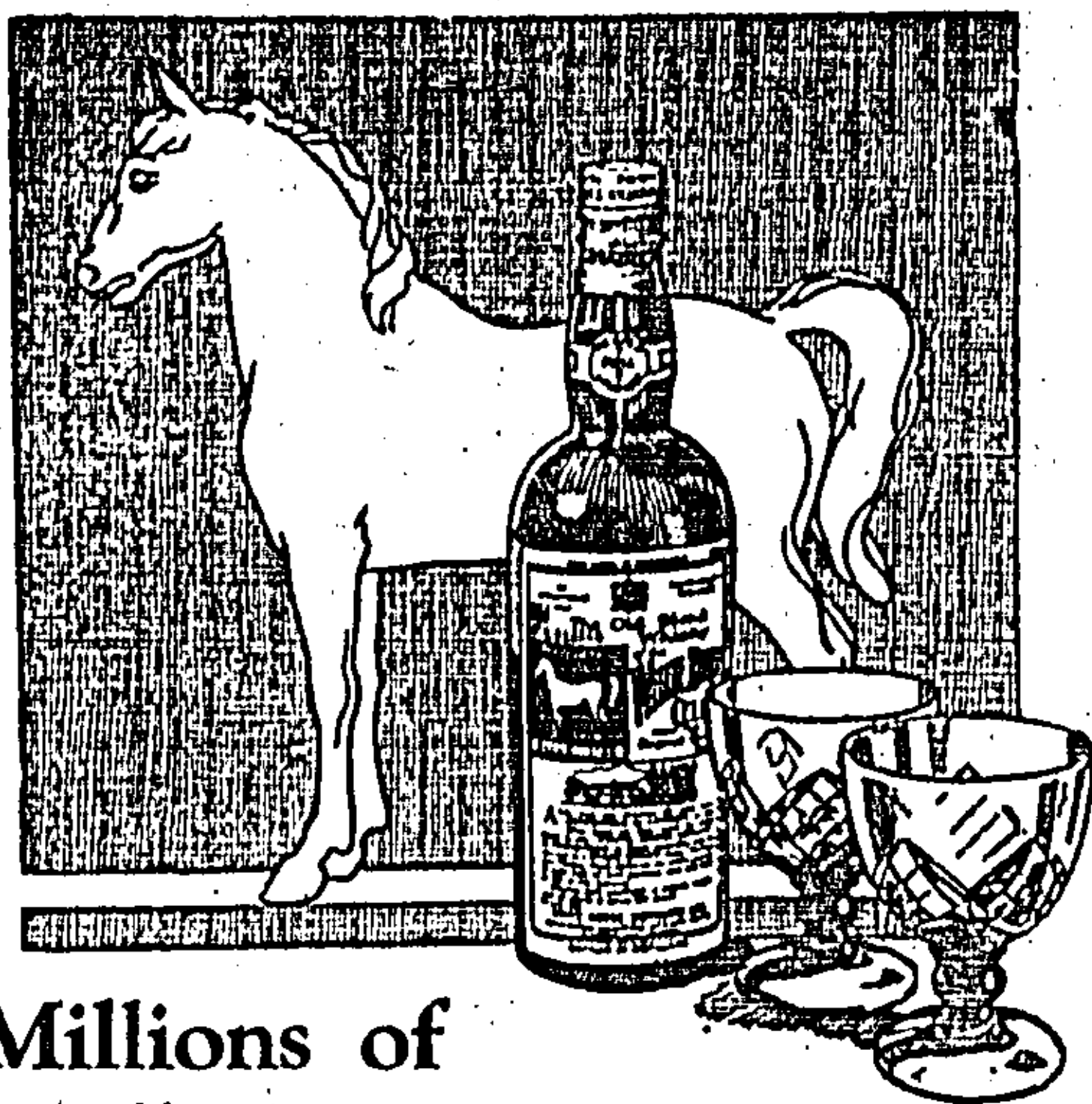
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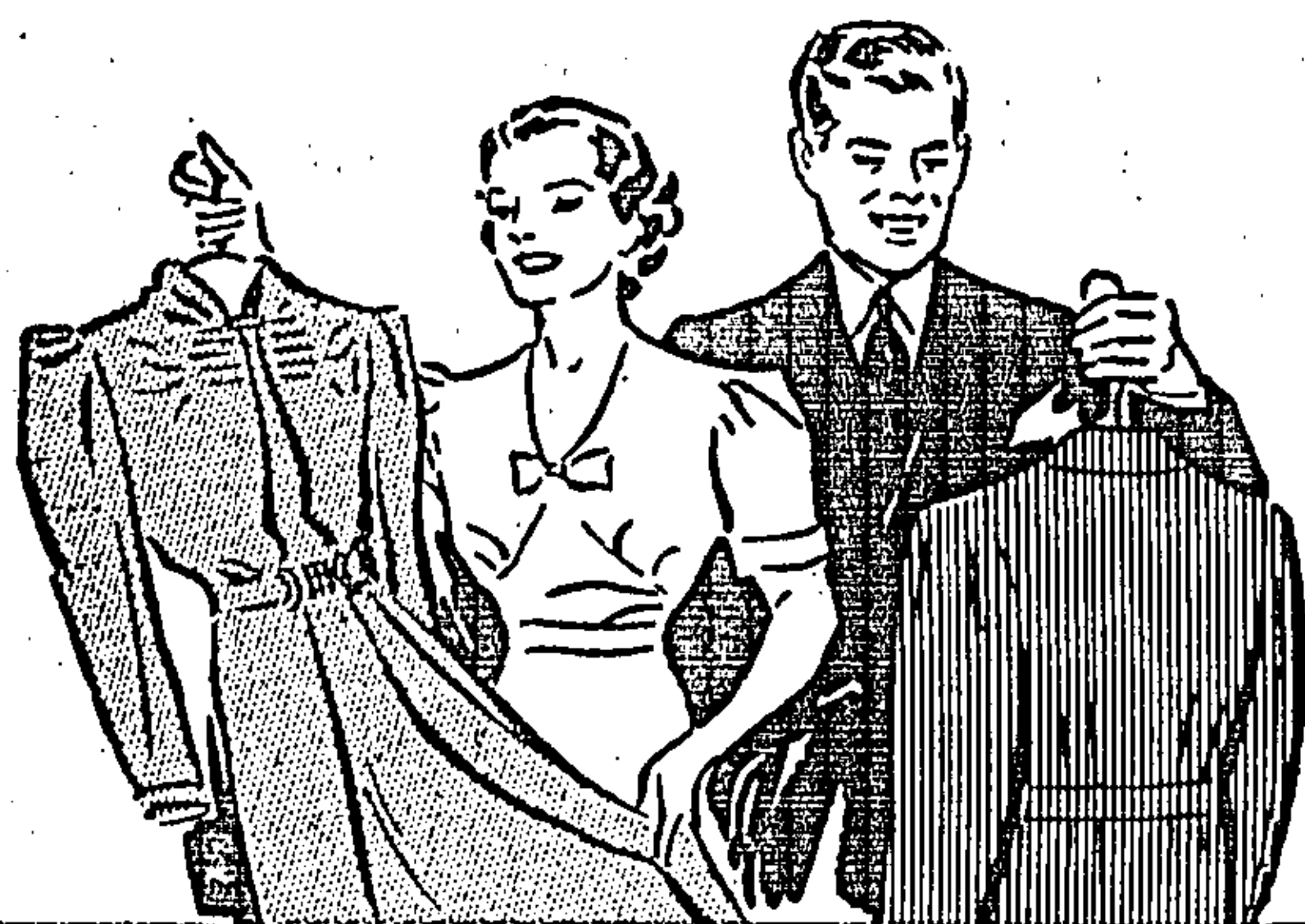


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England May Prefer Another S. African To Play At Back

By Leo Munro

WILL an Englishman play full-back for England this Rugby season? A successor to H. G. Owen-Smith must be found, unless our brilliant South African player decides, after all, to rejoin the fray.

That seems unlikely, though Owen-Smith is one of those invariably athletic people who can tune up at short notice.

The position, if vacated, may be hard to fill, though one could name a number of useful candidates.

West country folks have a strong fancy for R. A. Gerrard. The former international centre is now installed as Somerset county and Bath club full-back.

Playing well, too, with plenty of resource and dash. A bit uncertain perhaps in ground fielding on the Harlequins v. Bath match form. But there is time ahead for practice, and "Gerry" should be well in the running for an English trial, next month.

PREVIOUS "CONVERTS"

It would not be his first as full-back. And, supposing he won another cap in a fresh position, he would not be the first "convert" to hold the last line for England in modern times.

B. S. Cumberlege, for example, came out as a scrum-half. H. C. Catchside, J. C. Hubbard, and R. C. W. Pickles were seasoned three-quarters.

It is possible that Gerrard may be regarded officially as a trifle short of great match experience at full-back. I should not be surprised if, barring accidents, South African succeeded South African for England—H. D. Freekes after Owen-Smith.

I wonder if Harlequin centre W. S. Kemble will have any luck in representative Rugby this season.

He can play either at centre or stand-off, and knows how to run straight. You would not call this

quality exactly common in recent seasons of international Rugby.

MISSUS HIS BLUE

I mentioned Kemble and luck. He did not have a lot of that when he was up at Cambridge.

He received there the testimonials of being played at stand-off in this match, at centre in that. But he was not "settled in." He was a candidate for a "blue" two years running, missed it narrowly last season.

Now, as a Harlequin, he continues to oblige anywhere in mid-field when required.

There are people who maintain that Kemble would develop top-class as a stand-off if allowed to concentrate on that position.

REFEREE CONTRASTS

Players are held responsible for the success or otherwise of Rugby under its revised laws. Much more depends, in my opinion, on referees.

And still more depends on the personality of the referee. One man seldom stops a game, another seems to be whistling all afternoon.

I have seen both types this season, and I know which is preferred by players. He is the good fellow who keeps firm control, but "trusts the troops," and does not necessarily pull them up for every petty irregularity.

His is usually a good-humoured match. We have, in contrast, the stickler, he-of-the-busy whistle, whose nervous leave onlookers wondering—do players irritate referees, or do referees irritate players?

I cannot believe that grimly magisterial control comes within the intention of the laws. And, anyhow, when persistent infringements lead to persistent whistling—well, why isn't some one sent off the field?



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TATE AND SUSSEX CRICKET

Case For The
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London, Nov. 6.

In view of the fact that the recent decision of Sussex County Cricket Club not to renew the engagement of Maurice Tate has evoked adverse criticism, Brigadier-General D'Arcy Brownlow (chairman) has put the case for the committee.

In reply to the contention that Tate should have been given longer notice, the chairman states that on August 3 last, at the request of the Selection Committee, he informed Tate that his re-engagement was not to be recommended and that unless casualties occurred his services would not be required for remaining matches.

"EXPRESSED HIS THANKS"

Commenting on that interview, the chairman says:

"There was no possible misunderstanding and Tate, who left the room in a state of emotion, expressed his thanks for my timely information."

The chairman having urged, in a long and sympathetic statement, that the element of surprise could not exist in view of the fact that for the past season Tate had been on a yearly engagement, goes on to contend that "there is a vast difference between non-renewal of an agreement and 'sacking' or 'dismissal.'"

The chairman adds that Sussex owed much to Tate, but that he, too, owed something to the county which brought him out and always treated him with the greatest consideration.

A SECRETARIAL LETTER

In a statement yesterday Tate, whose agreement expires next April, remembers the interview to which the Sussex chairman alludes, but reiterates that more than one member of the committee later assured him that he would be all right for another year.

Tate also referred to a letter received in the November of 1936 from Mr. W. L. Knowles, in which the Sussex secretary confirming his engagement for 1937 informed him that when his county career was finished his appointment as coach to the nursery would be favourably considered.

GLAMORGAN CRICKET CRISIS

More Support
Needed

Glamorgan County Cricket Club urgently need more support to enable the club to continue in the County Championship.

Last season was one of the most successful in the club's playing history, yet the accounts, which will be published shortly, show a loss of £1,300.

Records reveal that Glamorgan have the lowest season-ticket membership among County Clubs. And some of these clubs have had much poorer playing results than Glamorgan.

The club intends to make a push to increase the membership, and if they do not succeed the committee may have to consider some way of cutting their losses.

This could only mean one thing, the withdrawal of the club from the County Championship.

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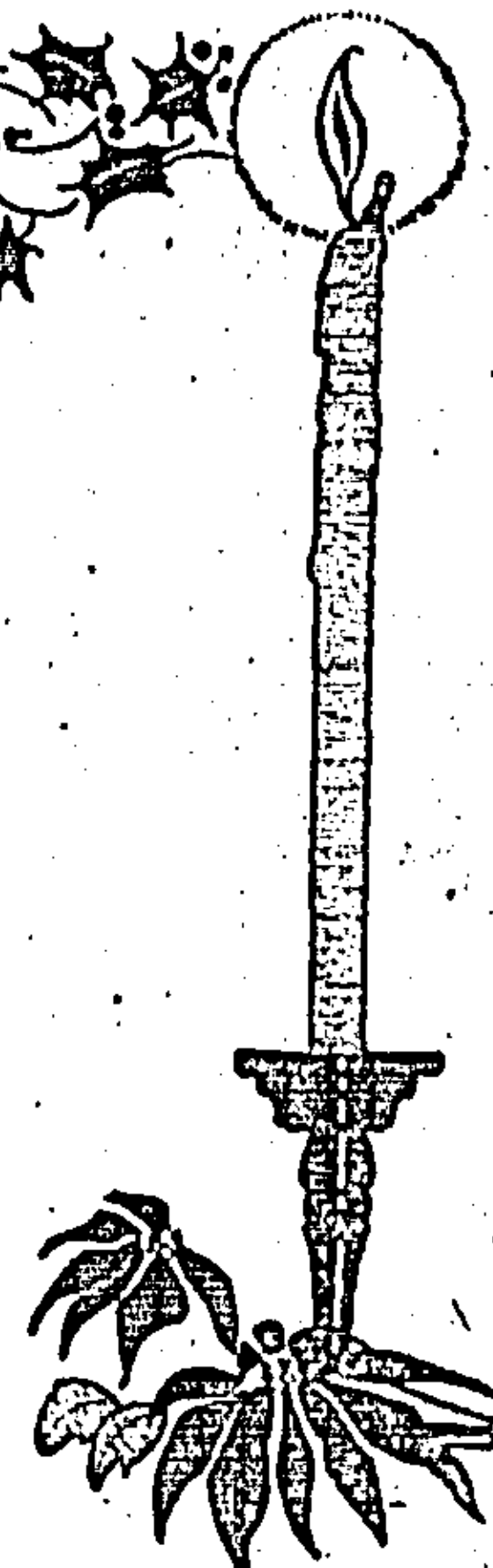
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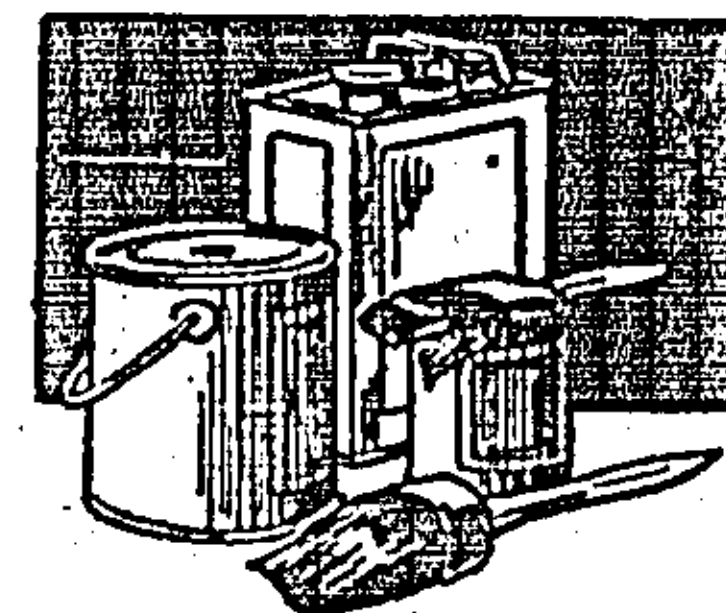
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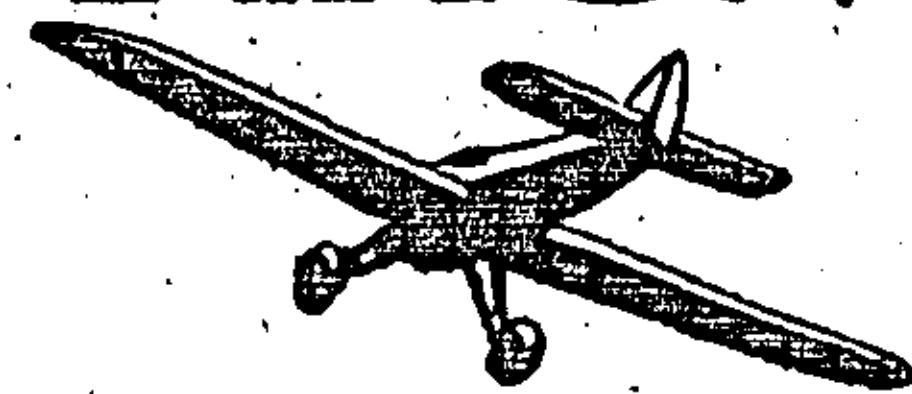
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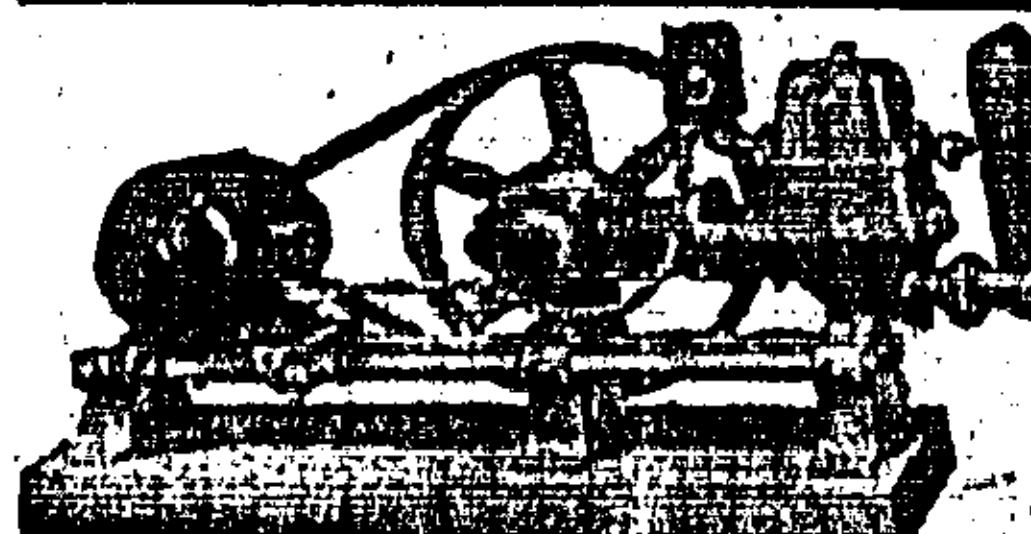
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WHEN A HARLEY-ST. MAN DENIES RESPONSIBILITY

MR. HORACE WINSBURY-WHITE, the Harley-street specialist, was asked in the King's Bench Division recently whether he agreed that a surgeon was in complete control of a private patient during the time that the patient was in a hospital.

"Not where I rely on the services of others in the hospital," he replied. "I hold that if I am not there I am not responsible for things that are done in my absence."

"Are you saying that if your visiting days are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, you are not responsible for what happens on Tuesdays and Thursdays?" Mr. Winsbury-White was asked.

"Yes," was the reply.

Mr. Winsbury-White is being sued by Mr. Arthur William Morris, sixty-one-year-old commercial traveller, of Goodmayes, Essex.

Mr. Morris claims damages for negligence, alleging that a drainage tube was left in his body for four months after an operation, and that, in consequence, his health had been ruined.

Mr. Winsbury-White, who is honorary surgeon to St. Paul's Hospital, Endell-street, W.C., operated on Mr. Morris in the hospital on December 18, 1933, for removal of the prostate gland. He denies negligence.

"GREATLY SHOCKED"

In evidence he said that on January 24, 1934, he told the doctor at the hospital to take out the drainage tube and see how Mr. Morris got on without it. On January 28, when he asked about the patient, the doctor said he had taken it out.

He saw the patient several times after that and never saw the tube in the wound.

In April there was a very strong complaint about the pain Mr. Morris had. He had him X-rayed, and the tube was discovered.

"It was an astonishing revelation to me," said Mr. Winsbury-White. "I was greatly shocked by it."

Mr. Winsbury-White said he considered that the tube owed its entry to the absence of a safety pin in it. When—after the tube was thought to have been removed—it was considered necessary to continue drainage and insert another tube, it may have been pushed in on top of the first tube, which was not seen. That was a reasonable explanation.

The treatment involved using many tubes; there was no possibility of this one having been left in at the time of the operation.

Hunters Roam North Carolina

Raleigh, N. C. Thousands of hunters, from North Carolina and many parts of the nation, went into action this month as the state's game and bird season began in earnest with opening of periods on deer, bear, squirrel, opossum and raccoon.

Classes For Road Offenders

Berlin. Classes for road offenders are among Germany's latest plans for reducing accidents. Police are to be given power to order offenders to attend with their cars at police headquarters for purposes of instruction. The classes are to take place on Sunday mornings to minimise waste of official time.

This innovation is one of several to be enforced with the New Year. They include:

Passengers on Lorries.—This is a frequent cause of accident and is only to be allowed in future by special police permit.

Bicycles.—In addition to the red reflector on the back bicycles are to have yellow reflectors attached to the pedals. Cyclists are not to ride two abreast in towns.

Men on the March.—Frequently the victims of accidents, detachments are to be preceded at night by a man with a white lantern and followed by a man with a red one.

Major Road Hail.—The British practice of obliging cars entering a main road from a side road to halt before making the turn has been adopted.

Slow Vehicles.—The slower the vehicle the nearer it must keep to the kerb.

Pedestrians.—It will be a punishable offence for pedestrians to "endanger traffic." Crossing the road against an amber light will be punishable under this law.

The number of deaths from road accidents was 3,388 for 2,474,481 motor vehicles in the year 1936. For the first six months of 1937 the deaths were 3,437, so that a reduction in the total is expected at the end of the year.



These two sweet girls are sisters to Freddie Bartholomew, the English boy film actor. Ellice, aged 17, and Elida, aged 15, who have started their film career at Hollywood.

Play Football In Cemetery

Ashtabula, O. Township trustees hope that their complaint to parents against boys playing football in Edgewood cemetery will be as effective as an earlier protest that golf was being played over the graves.

Baker Enrolls More

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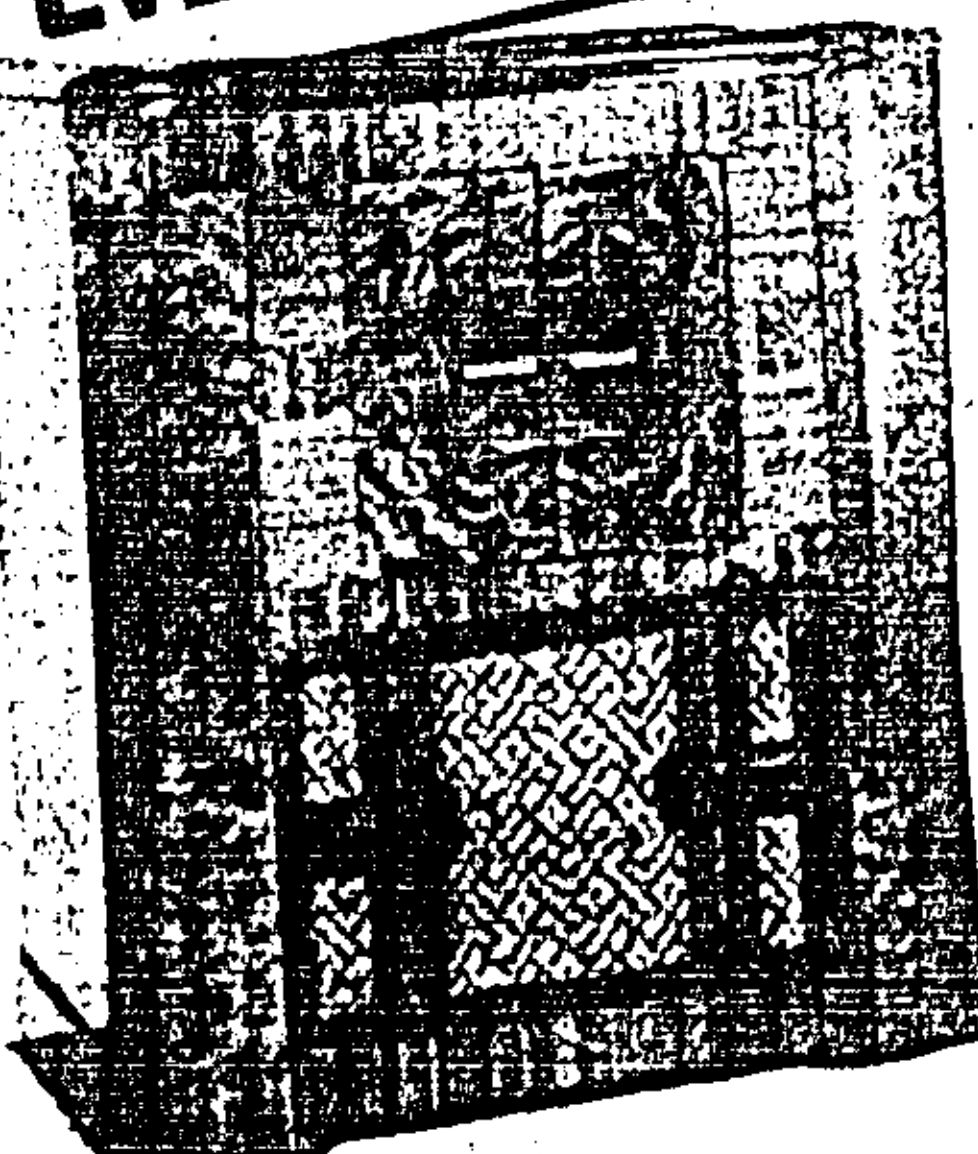
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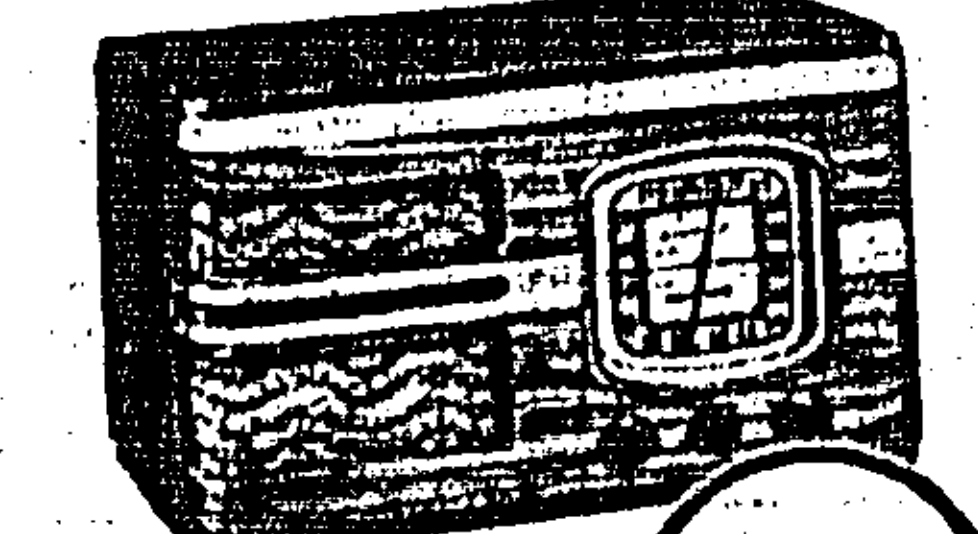
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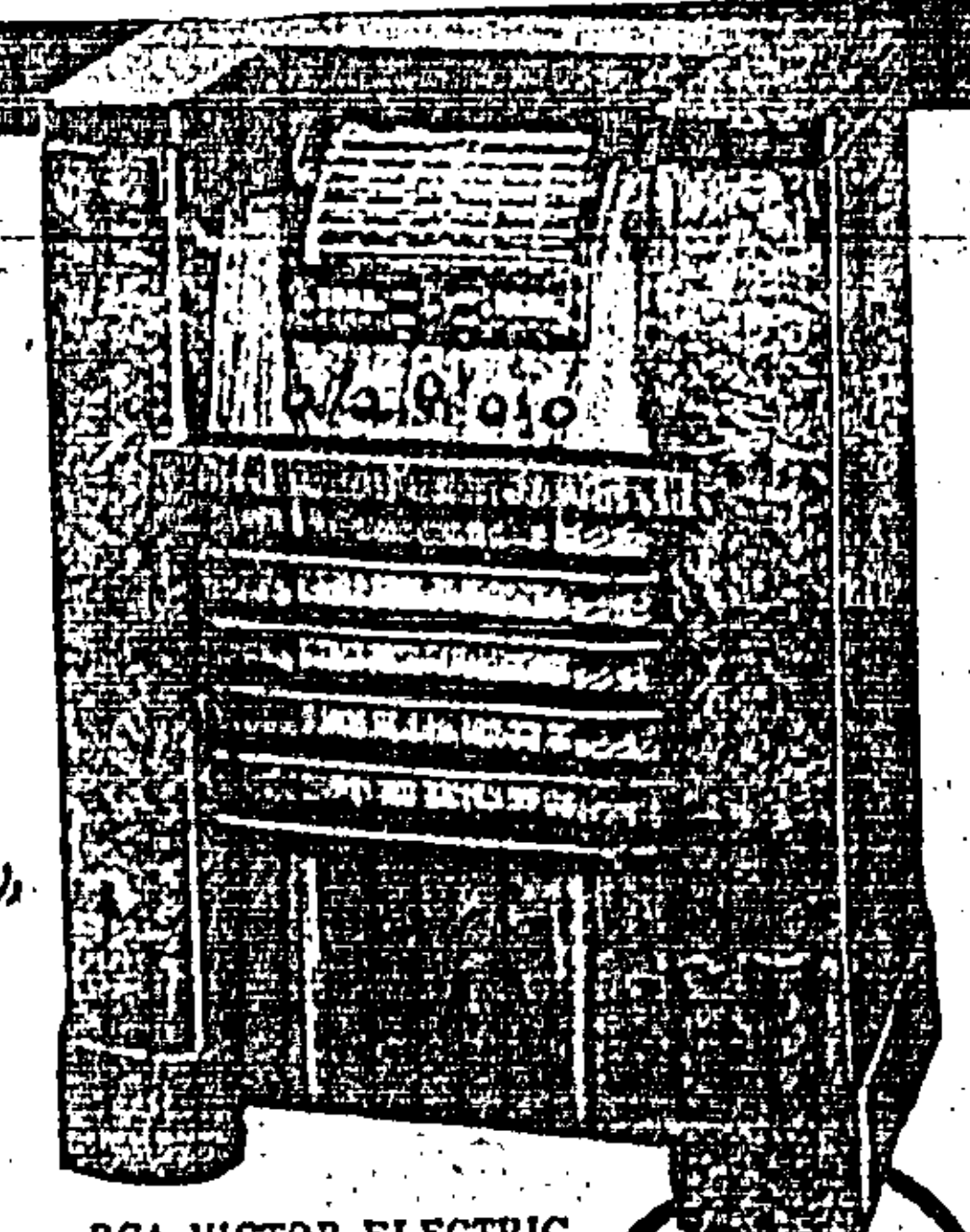
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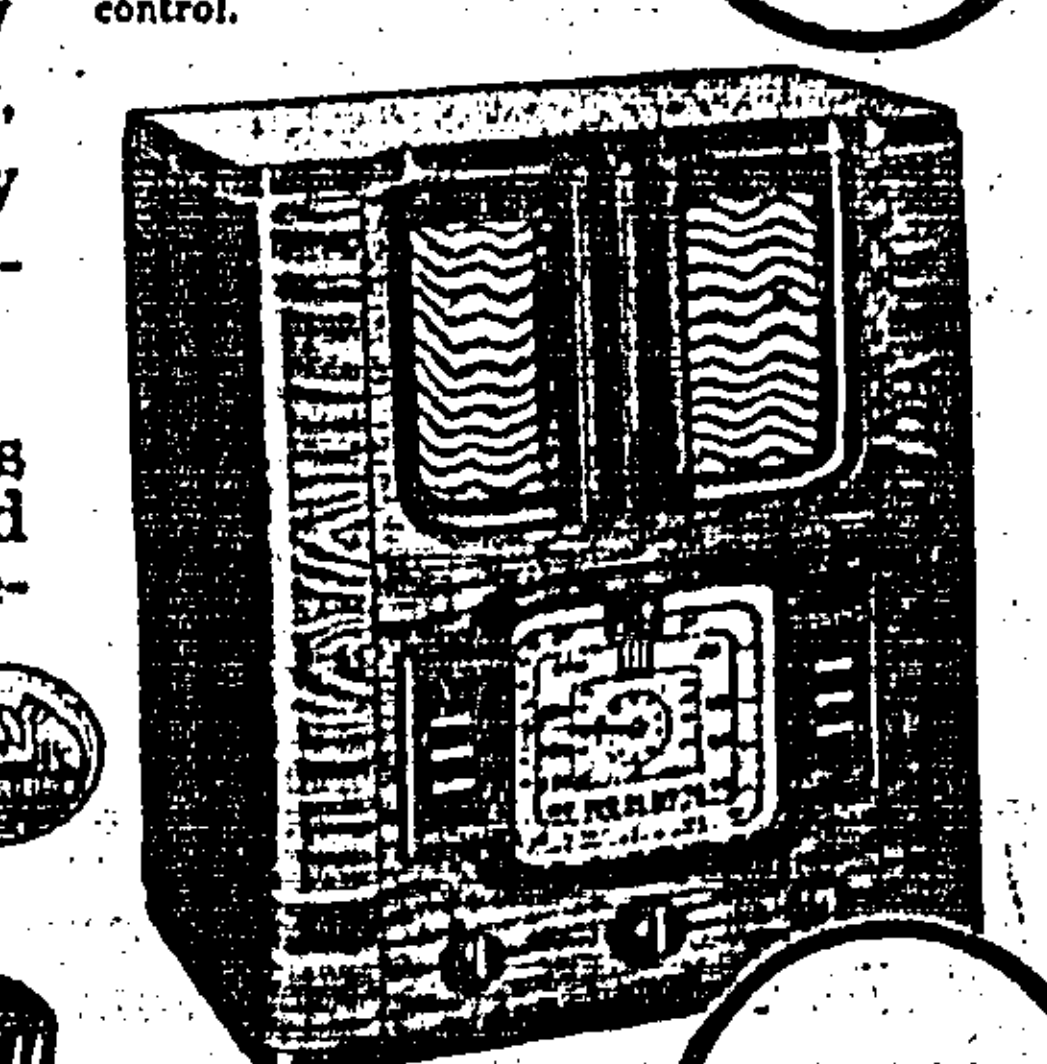


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Competition In Election Ruled Out

But Russia Getting All Worked Up

Moscow, Dec. 10. Public excitement is being worked up for the elections to the first Soviet Parliament on December 12. The original expectation that there would be a party fight has been destroyed by the announcement that there will only be one candidate for each constituency. There are 1,143 seats to be filled.

An election meeting here to-day addressed by M. Molotov, Chairman of the People's Commissars, was marked by a wild ovation for Stalin and Molotov, who, explaining the new electoral system, said that only 2,000,000 Communists belonged to the Soviet party, with 500,000 "sympathizers".

Over 80,000,000 electors outside the Communist Party would go to the polls, but the Communist election banner called for the creation of a "unanimous election bloc of Communists with non-party workers, non-party peasants, non-party employees and non-party intelligentsia." *Reuter Special.*

WINDFALL FOR TIN MINERS

QUOTA ARREARS ARE DIVIDED

London, Dec. 10. The tin quota for the first quarter of 1938 has been fixed at 70 per cent, but Bolivia, Belgian Congo and Indochina have agreed to surrender their arrears, plus a certain additional tonnage up to approximately 11,500 tons, in the total for 1938. The tonnage surrendered will be divided between the Netherlands-Indies, Malaya and Nigeria proportionately to their standard of tonnages.

This arrangement will enable these countries to export at a rate of approximately 11,500 tons, in the total for 1938. The tonnage surrendered will be divided between the Netherlands-Indies, Malaya and Nigeria proportionately to their standard of tonnages.

This arrangement will enable these countries to export at a rate of approximately 60 per cent, while the quota remains at 70 per cent.

The next meeting of the International Tin Committee will be held at The Hague on February 18, 1938. *Reuter.*

State Railways May Be U.S. Development

Washington, Dec. 10. President F. D. Roosevelt declared at a press conference to-day that while they wanted to avoid Government ownership of the railways, steps must be taken to adjust their financial condition.

He reminded his hearers that real receiverships could not continue without such steps, therefore they desired prompt decisions on the freight rates questions. The President revealed that he had discussed loans, but they would be small and would be temporarily made pending the outcome of the freight rates case.

President Roosevelt was of the opinion that an Inter-State Commerce Commission should originate the management and ownership of railways. *Reuter.*

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Dec. 10. The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by *Reuter*:

New York Cotton		
	Opening	Closing
Dec.	8.06/04	8.04/04
Jan.	8.04/02	8.04/04
March	8.08/09	8.12/12
May	8.13/13	8.14/15
July	8.16/17	8.17/17
Oct.	8.22/21	8.22/22
Spot		8.22

The First Notice Day for January Cotton is Dec. 27 and the Delivery Date Jan. 3.

New York Rubber		
Dec.	15.75/79	15.82/72
March	15.90/92	15.93/84
July	16.03/06	15.90/8
Sept.	16.15/15	16.00/8
Sales for the day	1,120 tons	

The last Notice Day for December Rubber is Dec. 29.

Chicago Wheat		
Dec.	95 1/2/95 3/4	95 1/2/95 3/4
May	93 1/4/93	92 1/2/92 3/4
July	87 1/2/87	86 1/2/86 3/4

Thursday's Sales: 27,528,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn		
Dec.	55 1/2/55 3/4	55 1/2/55 3/4
May	53 1/2/53 3/4	53 1/2/53 3/4
July	50 1/2/50 3/4	50 1/2/50 3/4

The last Notice Day for December Grains is Dec. 30.

Winnipeg Wheat		
Dec.	120 1/2/120 3/4	120 1/2/120 3/4
May	115 1/2/115 3/4	115 1/2/115 3/4
July	111 1/2/111 3/4	111 1/2/111 3/4

H.K.N.V.F. Wins Rifle Shoot

Still Unbeaten On Miniature Range

Officers of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force competed with two teams from the Middlesex Regiment yesterday afternoon on the miniature range aboard H.M.S. Cornflower and preserved their undefeated record, though marksmanship was not of a consistently high quality.

Team H.K.N.V.F.		
Team	75 Lt. Grenham	62
Colour-Sgt.	41 Sur.-Lt. Mackie	85
Colburne	48 Sub. Lt. Ashby	55
Sgt. Bedward	47 Lt. Vernal	69
Sgt. Brayford		
Private Cox	201	267

Middlesex "B"		
Team	60 Lt. Grenham	56
Li. Cartney	49 Sur. Lt. Mackie	60
Private Noble	73 Sub. Lt. Ashby	80
Private Stiles	34 Lt. Vernal	68
Private Tever	216	273

Two Admirals Leaving S'hai

Sir Charles Little Believed On Way To Hongkong

Shanghai, Dec. 11. Shanghai is losing two Admirals within three days, for Admiral Sir Charles Little sailed for the south this morning aboard H.M.S. Falmouth, while Admiral Harry Yarnell of the United States Asiatic Fleet is leaving for Manila on December 14.

With the departure of the Falmouth the only British warship left is H.M.S. Folkestone.

Although the destination of the Falmouth is not divulged, it is reported that Admiral Little is bound for Hongkong. The date of his return to Shanghai is uncertain, but it is expected to be before April.

Admiral Yarnell's time of return is also uncertain, but in the event of no major emergency demanding his presence, it is understood he will not be back before the Spring. *Reuter.*

French Police Arrest Modern Blue Beard

Gorman Confesses To Five Murders

Paris, Dec. 9. George Weidmann, a German engineer, has confessed to the murder of five persons, including a 20-year old dancer named Jean Dekoven, of Brooklyn, New York.

While questioning Weidmann at the ancient Versailles Prison, detectives were amazed at the calm and methodical revelations, and dubbed him "the new Blue Beard."

After being questioned for thirteen hours, Weidmann said his livelihood was earned by means of murder. He killed Miss Dekoven and robbed her of \$24 cash and \$500 in travellers' cheques. Other victims were Raymond Le Sobre, lease agent, Roger Le Blond, Arthur Frommer, a German, and Jean Couffy, chauffeur.

Weidmann further admitted that Miss Dekoven and at least one other were buried in a "murder villa" in an isolated and exclusive district of country estates behind Napoleon's "Mal Maison" castle, which he gave to Josephine in suburban Lavoultze.

The Police later found the bodies of Miss Dekoven and Frommer. The former was strangled and the latter shot. The Police announced they are seeking an accomplice and hoped to make an arrest shortly. It is said Miss Dekoven was the first victim.

The arrest of the murderer was due to his forgetting to take away a calling card bearing the name "Herr Schott" from Le Sobre's body. The Police traced Schott, who recalled he gave it to Weidmann.

The Police are reported to be holding a buxom blonde and a sheldish, suave man, who are suspected to have been Weidmann's lures. It is expected the Police will announce a formal arrest soon. *United Press.*

LANDON WON'T RUN AGAIN

Washington, Dec. 10. Mr. Alfred Landon, former Governor of Kansas, who unsuccessfully contested the last Presidential election, stated that he would not be a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 1940. He would not accept the nomination if it were offered him, he said.

Governor Landon was Republican nominee in the 1936 election and was heavily defeated by President Roosevelt. *Reuter.*

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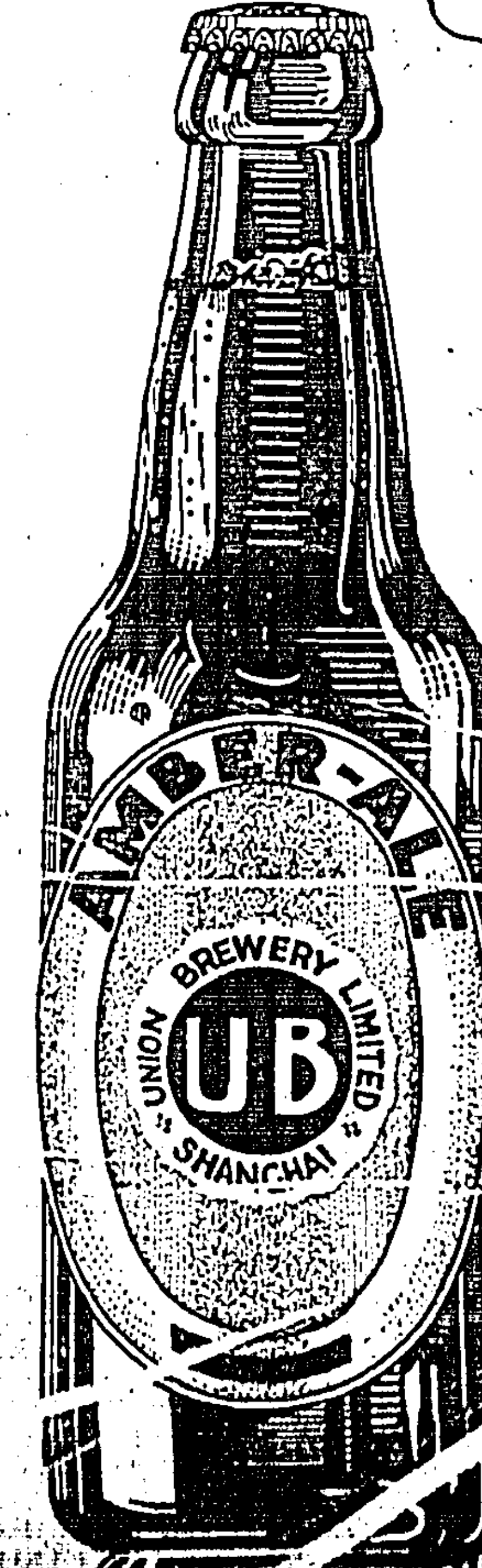
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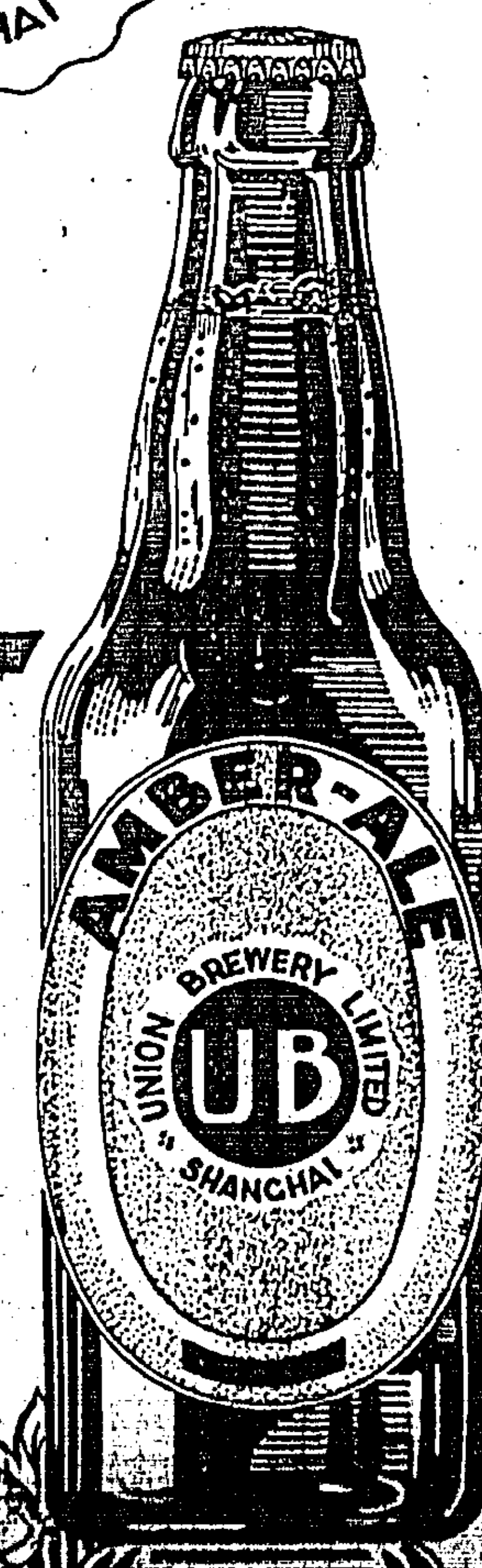


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A TRAGEDY OF LOCH EARN

ST FILLANS is famous for the St. Saint and the goodly deeds he did in and around the village, but this that was done on the Isle of Loch Earn was fully eight centuries after his life, when it seemed as though lawless deeds were the accepted custom of the day.

The M'Nabs, who lived at Kinnell House on Loch Tay, were apparently the rulers of the land stretching around them, and their main enemy was the Chief of the Neishes, who lived on the Isle of Loch Earn at St. Fillans.

Wrath of the M'Nab

Christmas time was drawing near, and it had been decided at Kinnell to send for special food and drink which took the servants down by St. Fillans. News of this reached the Neishes, and on the return journey the servants were set upon and despoiled of all their purchases, including some special wines.

The wrath of the M'Nab was great when the servants returned beaten and bereft. For some time after hearing their news he walked in his courtyard and came in "with an unusual humour," contemplating "the doing of some desperate deed."

Solitary Survivor

The twelve shouldered the boat, marching off down the narrow pass of Glenartkin, then following a mountain stream to the edge of Loch Earn. Their boat was launched again, and with snowy arms they shot forth, plying the oars silently until they came to a cove on the north-east end of the island, where they disembarked.

The twelve M'Nabs crept up to the house, and finding a hole in the wall, peered through, and they looked into the very room where the Neish was sitting before a fire.

It did not take long for them to find the entrance. The eldest son of the M'Nab, who was at the door, Old Neish had heard the steps, and quickly guessing whose they were, felt that with such the worst would happen.

"Who knocks at the door," he shouted. There came the answer, "Who would you like worst were there?" Then came a voice of despair that endeavored to sneer.

"Smooth John M'Nab," was the answer. There was a snarl of derision from the other side. "If he has hitherto been smooth," said a voice, "you'll find him rough for this one night," and the door was smashed open.

A horrible struggle took place, until finally Neish's head was severed from the body and was ready for taking back to Kinnell. Meantime the rest of the brothers went into the dining hall of the old gloomy mansion, and there they "dealt with all they found," and all they found were drunk.

Every person they found in the house they killed. Triumphant, with old Neish's head packed safely for their father, they entered their boat again.

But they had not completed their work. A small boy, a grandson of Neish, had hidden himself throughout the terrible slaughter, and how he came out sane it is difficult to imagine. But we hear that he did, and continued to live in the neighbourhood of St. Fillans. From him must descend the Neishes of today.

IN the heart of China—first in the middle provinces south of the great Yangtze, then in the far North-West—there has been for ten years a land of Lost Horizon.

It was the territory of the Chinese Soviet Republic, founded in 1927, voluntarily dissolved in the summer of this year.

And in all those ten years, until Edgar Snow—"Daily Herald" correspondent—walked out with a muleteer from Yenan in Shensi, through No-Man's Land into the hills where the Red outposts challenged him, no outsider had visited the Unknown State.

You could hear by rumour and report of enemies and of romantic sympathisers anything you wished to believe. But the facts lay behind an impenetrable veil.

Even the existence of the Soviet State was questioned, Nanking Government propaganda denied it. According to the Chinese Press, and to most foreigners in China, there was neither Soviet nor State, only some gangs of "bandits" and "brigands" whom Chiang Kai-shek's armies "destroyed" or "liquidated" every few months.

When they were not being destroyed they were murdering and looting and burning; ruffians and desperadoes of the vilest kind.

On the other hand, there were Moscow legends of a great, organised Communist State of 80,000,000 inhabitants, with a powerful Red Army, which would at any moment advance to the conquest of all China.

Somewhere between lay the truth. But just where no one knew until Snow went in to see and report. Just in time. For he came back in October of last year—only a few months before the strange end of this strange State.

So "Red Star Over China" (published by Gollancz at 18s.) is and will remain an historical document of the first order. It is also as exciting and enthralling a tale of exploration as anyone can read.

"By seven o'clock next morning I had really left the last Kuomintang machine-gun behind, and was walking through the thin strip of territory that divided Red from White...."

"There was no road at all, but only the bed of the stream that rushed swiftly between high walls of rock...."

"Tao-lai" the muleteer, shouted suddenly, as the rock walls at last gave way and opened out into a narrow valley, green with young wheat. "We have arrived."

"I saw in the side of a hill a loess village, where blue smoke curled from the tall, clay chimneys that stood up like long fingers against the face of the cliff."

"A young farmer wearing a turban of white towelling on his head and a revolver strapped to his waist came out and looked at me in astonishment...."

That was the beginning. If you want to know what happened then, buy, beg or borrow "Red Star." Because here I must say something of the Soviet Republic itself.

It began in 1927 with the



The Lost Country where only ONE WHITE MAN HAS TROD

By W. N. Ewer



One of the "Little Devils" of the Chinese Red Army, who are treated as mascots. Above are the frozen plains of Suiyuan.

great split in the then victorious Kuomintang, when Chiang Kai-shek and the Communists quarrelled, Chiang began a merciless White Terror against the Left, and all Nationalist China broke into a welter of warring factions.

In those days Mao Tse-tung, son of a Hunan peasant, now 34 years old and a Communist leader, organised a rising among the fiercely exploited, miserably poor peasantry of Kiangsi and Hunan.

He had a handful of "rebel" troops, the Hanyang miners, the peasants themselves. It seemed an insignificant movement. But it was rooted in the realities of Chinese peasant life. It grew swiftly. Other risings, under other leaders followed and merged with it. By the end of 1927 large areas were under the control of Red Armies; and

where the Red Armies were, the landlords were ousted, the land given to the peasants. A Soviet Government was proclaimed at Chai-lin.

Out of disorder and revolt Mao and Chu Teh and the other leaders gradually got order and organisation. The Soviet State (which was in fact a peasant state) got itself formed, with a population of some 9,000,000.

Chiang Kai-shek, now dictator in Nanking, took alarm, launched his armies on an "Extermination Campaign." They were well and truly beaten. He tried again. All through the years of the Japanese conquest of Manchuria, Chiang devoted himself not to resisting invasion, but to trying to destroy the Soviet Republic.

Five campaigns he launched. He had tanks and aeroplanes and heavy artillery, German advisers, British and American money. The "Reds" had little but indomitable spirit and brilliant leadership. No aid of any kind from outside—not even from Russia, which applauded but gave no support.

At last the slow pressure told. The position became impossible. The Red Armies vanished. The landlords came back with the executioners. White Terror swept the land. And Nanking cried exultantly that the Soviet Republic (or the "bandits") had been exterminated.

But it was not the end. It

was a new beginning. Now came a fantastic, incredible thing.

The Red Armies broke through Chiang's encircling troops, and marched away to the West. Month after month they marched, on foot all the way, fighting most of the time. West and west until they were nearly at the frontier of Burma. Then North and North into Shensi. Six thousand miles!

It is one of the most astounding facts in military history. They lost thousands on the way; but they recruited thousands more; for everywhere the peasantry greeted them as friends and liberators.

And at the end, in Shensi, well out of Chiang's striking range, they rebuilt their Soviet State. What that State is like, let Snow tell you. It is an important as well as a fascinating story. For though the Soviet Republic is now dissolved in name, the system remains in fact—and it is the model on which (because it is a peasant land) all China will one day be rebuilt.

The Soviet Republic has been dissolved; the Red Armies have become divisions of the national army, because of the imperative need of unity in face of Japan. These Chinese Communists are passionately Chinese. Again and again, they offered peace to Nanking, peace—and union—against the invader.

Always Chiang refused—until his kidnapping by Chang Hsueh-liang this summer. The facts of that fantastic tale, too, Snow tells for the first time. The upshot of it all was that peace was made, the "Soviet Government" became a "Special Area Government," and that, just in time, all China was at last united in resistance to Japanese aggression.

It is an epic story, superbly told. "Red Star" is going to be one of the classic books on China.

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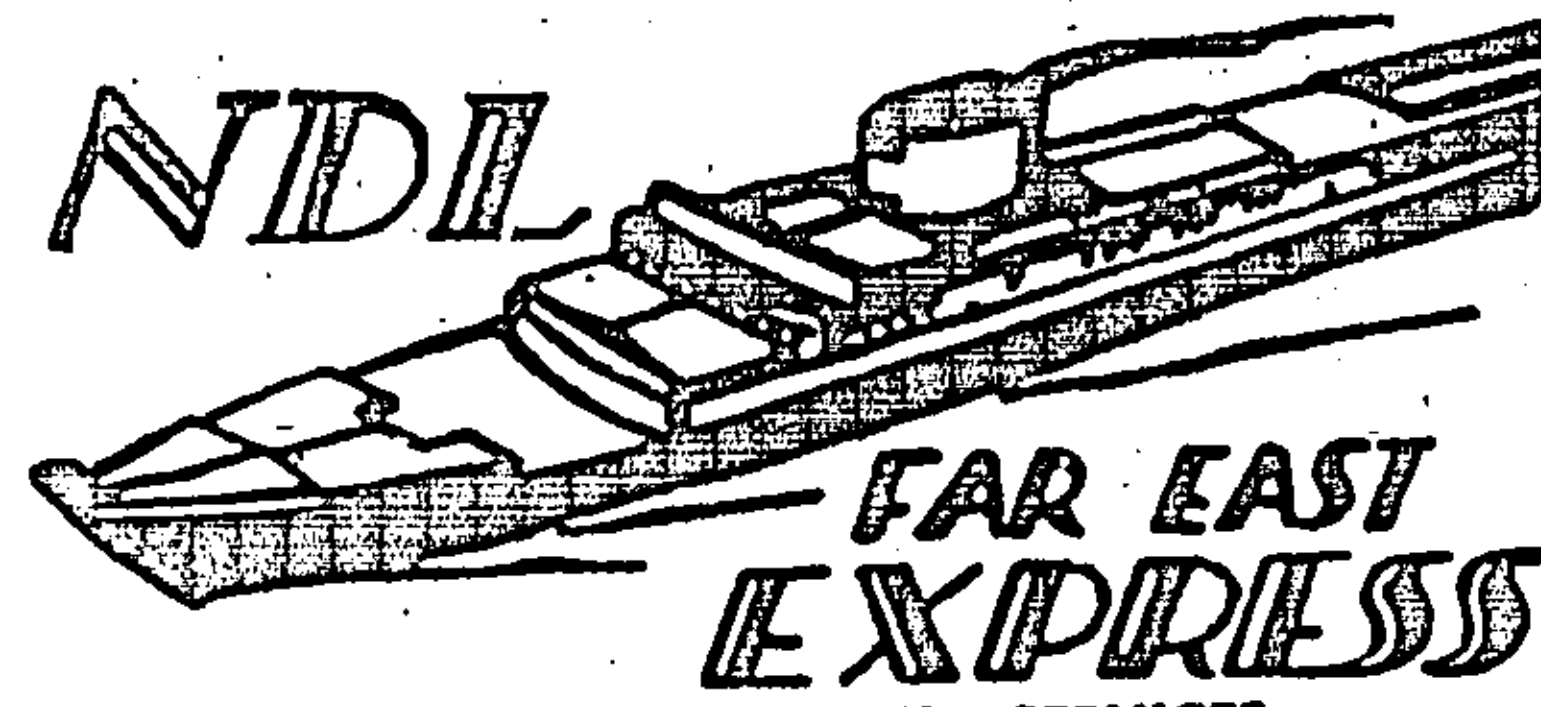
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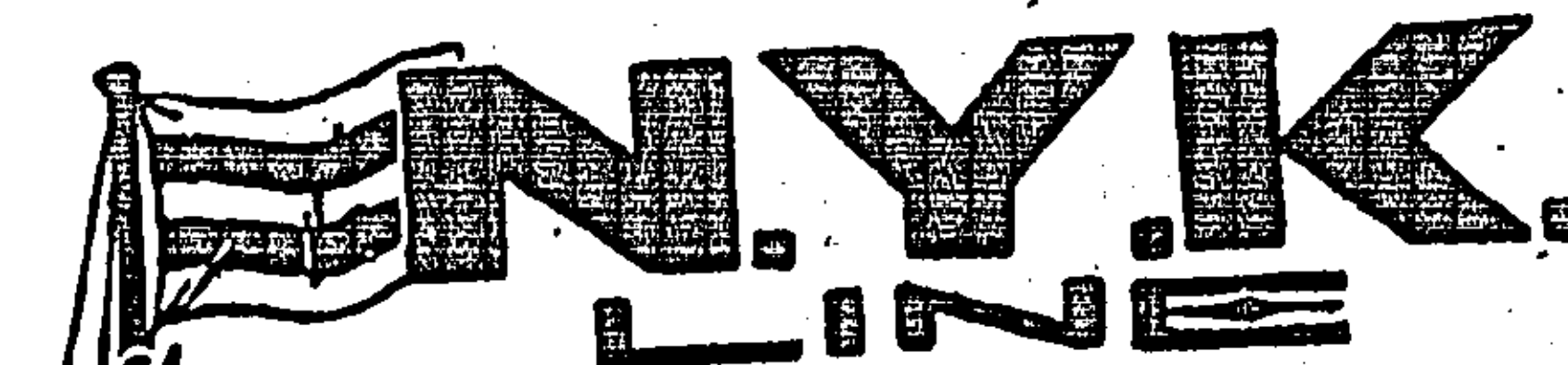
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